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## NEWS

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## Message from the Chair

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### Meeting Everyone's Information Needs in AOD-Related Fields

In the aftermath of International Special Librarians Day last Thursday April 17, celebrated with enthusiasm at ARF, I found myself reflecting on some pretty frightening observations. When you read News from Canada, you will be alerted of what seems to be a growing trend in Canada: the elimination or cutting back of publicly funded information services in the AOD and related fields.

Fortunately, the Ontario agency where I work still values its library and information services which serve the full spectrum of patrons, from the public and students to health care workers and researchers. Other Ontario funded libraries have not been as fortunate, in particular the government ministry libraries, such as Community and Social Services, Labour and now soon slated to go - Health! Yes, it is hard to believe.

Why has the ARF library managed to defy the trend? I believe it is the research component of its mandate. Whoever

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## SALIS Conference 1997

By now, all people reading this column should have received the Call for Papers for the SALIS Conference. Please note the deadline date for getting your abstract to Percy Brown, Conference Chair, is June 11, 1997. Scholarship information and application will be included in the next mailing, with hotel and registration details. Please make a note that you have until August 15th to return scholarship applications. NOTE: Percy Brown's new e-mail address is pbrown@mail.doh.state.ar.us. His phone number and fax remain the same. (501) 280-4506 FAX: (501) 280-4519.

## SALIS Bids Farewell

Tim Nguyen, SALIS Home Administrative Assistant, is off to medical school. Tim has been here since the beginning of his freshman year at UC Berkeley and has been the key behind-the-scenes person operating SALIS Home business and other operations. With organizational skills that are hard to come by, he has maintained and updated the SALIS database, desk-topped all of the SALIS Newsletters over the past five years, mailed News and numerous conference mailings, received and deposited all incoming checks, and in general, corresponded with a myriad of persons concerning the SALIS organization. He will be greatly missed by the Alcohol Research Group and SALIS, but we send him on his way with a big Thank-you and Congratulations, and high hopes for the future!..

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## News from Canada

Denise Holmen

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission

### Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA)

The good news is that the Canadian government has allocated some money for the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse for the 1997/98 fiscal year. Consequently, both the Centre and the Clearinghouse will continue their operations, albeit in a reduced capacity. The bad news is that CCSA's reduced budget has resulted in the need for several members to work part time.

The reductions will impact the work of the Clearinghouse. Activities such as maintenance of the CCSA's Web site, information requests, development of directories, cataloguing, etc., may now take a little longer to complete and the Clearinghouse collection will not be growing as quickly as in the early years.

The Fetal Alcohol Information Service has received most of its funding for this fiscal year. Current levels of service should not be affected.

In terms of comings and goings, the Clearinghouse is extremely pleased to announce that Bette Reimer, the Head of the AADAC Library and long time SALIS member, will be coming to Ottawa mid-May to replace Margo Hawley as Senior Information Specialist. After much agonizing, Margo accepted a position with a large research library outside of the substance abuse field. Bette has filled in for Margo once before, so the transition period should be pretty seamless. Best wishes to both Bette and Margo in their new positions!

### News from Ontario

In March, the Ontario government proposed the merger of the Addictions Research Foundation, with the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, the Donwood Institute and Queen Street Mental Health Centre. Negotiations for a merged "Addictions and Mental Health Services Corporation" are now underway.

ARF Library staff are uncertain what the amalgamation will mean to their services. They are, however, well placed by providing the gateway to a new Clinical Consultation Service for professionals dealing with addiction problems in Ontario. Library staff receive and refer callers to one of three on-call consultants: the drug/pharmacy, medical or psychosocial specialists. They also provide back-up readings and other information services as required.

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## Alcohol Industry on the Web

<http://www.marininstitute.org>

Eris Weaver, MLIS

Marin Institute for the Prevention of AOD Problems

The Marin Institute for the Prevention of Alcohol & Other Drug Problems has made its alcohol policy and industry database available to the public via its World Wide Web site, located at <http://www.marininstitute.org>. Used extensively by prevention researchers and advocates, this information is now accessible to a wider audience, thanks to a one-year grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

As part of our goal to hold accountable those who profit from harmful conditions, the Marin Institute acts as a watchdog of alcohol marketing practices. What distinguishes our approach to the prevention of alcohol-related problems is that instead of focusing on individual risk factors, we concentrate on the environments that support and glamorize alcohol use. The alcohol beverage industry, which spends one billion dollars annually to advertise its products in the U.S. and lobbies heavily for favorable public policy, is a large component of our social and political environment.

This database contains citations and brief abstracts for over thirteen thousand articles and news stories about the alcohol beverage industry, alcohol policy, and prevention efforts. The time period covered is 1991 to the present; the Web version is updated monthly. Sources include industry trade journals, major newspapers and business journals, and advertising journals. The database is indexed using subject headings from the Marin Institute Thesaurus, a version of which is available on the Web site. Extensive help in effective searching is available at the site, which is hosted by Andromot Consulting, Inc. and uses InMagic's DB/Text WebServer.

Other information available via the Institute's Web site include our mission statement, schedules for upcoming training workshops, reprints of Institute research and publications, and links to other prevention organizations as well as to alcohol beverage industry sites. We will also be releasing the database on CD-ROM for those who don't have access to the Internet; the CD-ROM version will be updated quarterly and will be distributed on a cost-recovery basis.

This project has been funded under a one-year grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. For me, it has been a crash course in Web page design and indexing, html coding, and CDR technology, not to mention installing LOTS of new hardware and software on my computer!

Please direct any questions, comments, or suggestions to me at [erisw@marininstitute.org](mailto:erisw@marininstitute.org) or 415-456-5692.

## News from the Antipodes

Peter McCormack

Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia Library

**Drugs of Dependence Is No More:** There have been some significant changes in the structure and composition of the Federal Health and Family Services Department Branch that administers the Australian National Drug Strategy and I thought our SALIS colleagues might like to be brought up-to-date. The old Drugs of Dependence Branch (which administered the National Drug Strategy) has been split up across a number of new Branches and Sections. Primarily, it resides within the National Health Promotion and Protection Branch which comprises Healthy Public Policy Unit, Major Litigation Taskforce, Population Health Strategies Section, Tobacco and Alcohol Strategies Section, and Illicit Drug Strategy Section. Some campaign and other drug education related activities are managed by the Public Health Education Unit which is a Section within the National Centre for Disease Control Branch. Evaluation of the National Drug Strategy has been part of the Evaluation Unit, a section within the National Public Health Policy and Planning Branch. Media Liaison is officially part of the role of the Business Unit.

Confused? Don't worry because the next Federal Budget due for release early next month (19 May) is likely to usher in more changes. The essential point for us is how well this structure facilitates coordinated government responses to drug and alcohol issues. This ability had been a distinguishing feature of the old structure. The fact that almost all senior personnel with specific drug and alcohol experience and knowledge have left compounds what must be a very difficult time for the Department.

**National Drug Strategy Evaluation:** While all this restructuring has been taking place, the National Drug Strategy itself has been evaluated by Professors Eric Single and Tim Rohl. They have finished their information gathering and written their report. While not yet public, discussions with the evaluators and others who have had close contact with the review process, all suggest that the report is likely to make some very important recommendations about the future of the NDS.

**ADCA Library Redevelopment:** Our interest in all of this is not entirely altruistic; the ADCA Library is almost totally funded as a National Drug Strategy project and we therefore viewed the Drugs of Dependence Branch as our major stakeholder. Because of a very close working relationship where we have been able to prove our worth, we have been largely spared the program cuts and efficiencies which accompanied the change of Government last year.

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## TOXIBASE on the Web

<http://www.ofdt.fr:80/bulletin/toxibase>

Thomas Rouault

TOXIBASE

For ten years, as an Information Centre, supported by the French Government, TOXIBASE has been offering a variety of information and documentary resources about addictions and drug abuse - a bibliographic database, a quarterly journal, a press review, a Videotext service, and document consultation.

The Toxibase bibliographic database is a bilingual French-English scientific information tool managed by a national network of 9 information and documentation centres. It target the professionals of the drug abuse field and all information users concerned with the topic (medical practitioners, pharmacists, social workers, researchers, students, teachers, prevention specialists, magistrates, police, journalists, parents, etc.).

The web database has been implemented in partnership with the host server of the French Observatory on Drugs and Drug Addictions (OFDT).

You can also access TOXIBASE directly from the OFDT BBS home page (<http://www.ofdt.fr>) and select <Le message des partenaires> in the Bulletin Electronique and then <TOXIBASE>.

This service is free of charge in 1997, but requires the registration of a contract to obtain a login and a personal password (for the bibliographic database only, access to the BBS is free (in french only)).

### Database Description

**Topics:** treatment / pathology and psychopathology / substances and pharmacology / legislation / law enforcement / drug market / prevention / sociology / epidemiology / aids and infectious diseases / alcoholism / abuse of prescription drugs.

**Document types :** books, journal articles, research reports, thesis and dissertations, conference proceedings, international organizations documents, booklets&leaflets..

**Geographical source:** French 42%, English 46%, German 5%, Spanish 4%, others 3%

**A high quality information:** french abstracts (90% of the database documents), English abstracts (40% since 1992).

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# ETOH on the WEB

<http://etoh.niaaa.nih.gov>

Andrea L. Mitchell

Alcohol Research Group

ETOH, The Alcohol Science Database of the U.S. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, made its debut on the Web in the Fall of 1996. This bibliographic database is the oldest and largest electronic alcohol research compilation in the world. Covering the bio-psycho-social aspects of alcohol use and abuse, one can find the literature on definitions and theories, general and special population studies, epidemiology, prevention and treatment, evaluation, methodology, medical and social problems aspects, economics and cost data, cross-cultural and international studies, etc.

Currently, there are nearly 100,000 records in the database spanning the literature from the early 70's to the present. Approximately 4,000 records are added to the database each year, with monthly updates. Records include bibliographic information, agency affiliation, funding source, grant/contract number, an abstract of approximately 300-500 words, and descriptive terminology drawn from the Alcohol and Other Drug Thesaurus, to give subject access. In addition, most of the records have an address for the first author in the "availability field". Document types indexed in ETOH include journal articles: 60,000; book chapters from edited works: 9,400; conference papers: 7,000; reports: 6,200; dissertations: 3,200; books: 2,800; Magazine articles: 1,900; Proceedings: 900; and Misc: 5,500. This latter group includes hearings, legislation, newsletters, etc. collected prior to 1980 (when this material was included.)

## Advantages to Searching ETOH

- ETOH covers almost all of the 40 plus English language alcohol and other drug (AOD) journals, and many of the foreign AOD journals, as well all of the core journals from the bio-psycho-social sciences. This saves having to cross over various discipline databases.
- Unlike most of the discipline databases which mainly index journal articles, ETOH's vast coverage of the other document types (as mentioned above), give the searcher a broader array of the literature available.
- It runs on a very powerful, userfriendly, fast and efficient WEB enabled search engine known as DB/Textworks, which is far and away ahead of the systems which allow you to enter one word queries, and then stack from there..
- ETOH allows both adjacency and proximity in searching, an extremely useful and powerful search capability.
- Its FREE via the Web

## Tips on Searching

- First, note that the Guide to using the database is available at the Web site. Read this before you begin searching.
- ETOH is indexed with terminology from the Alcohol and Other Drug Thesaurus. For effective subject searching, you will want to own a copy. Ordering information is available at the site, or via the phone and address given below.
- Note that there are three different search screens available. The first screen menu gives author, title, source, descriptors, abstract and year.. The second does the same but offers examples of the way the search format should be entered in the fields as well as displaying the various search operators or boolean symbols. This is an extremely helpful feature, especially if you are just getting familiar with the database, or if you search a variety of systems and need to be reminded of such. The third screen is for more complex and long search queries, or if you require the use of the other fields available for searching, such as language, publication type, availability, etc.
- Read the Guide about when and when not to use truncation. Truncation in the Web version is not advised. It slows the search process in some queries, and will continue to process the search even if the searcher quits..
- Remember this is an Alcohol database. This means that the words alcohol, alcoholic and alcoholism are often mentioned in every record. Do not use these words when searching, or again you will slow the system accordingly. Other words to avoid are treatment, results, study, drinking, effect(s), patients, abuse, consumption, research, problems. These are all listed in the Guide.

If you need help with searching or wish to purchase the AOD Thesaurus, contact the NIAAA Research Library, at [arcadmail@aol.com](mailto:arcadmail@aol.com) or call 202 842-7600 between 9-5 EST..

Note: If you have questions about the database that you would like to direct to the wider audience of searchers via SALIS, send them to the list, or to SALIS News, ATTN: ETOH Search.

## New NIAAA Surveillance Reports

- #38 Trends in Alcohol-Related Fatal Traffic Crashes 1977-1994
- #39 Apparent Per-Capita Alcohol Consumption: National, State, and Regional Trends, 1977-1994
- #40 Trends in Alcohol Related Morbidity Among Short-Stay Community Hospital Discharges, US, 1979-1994
- #41 Liver Cirrhosis Mortality in the United States, 1970-1993

Contact Gerry Williams at 202 842-7600. SALIS members should have already received.



# What's New in Online Reference Sources

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Alcohol Research Group

**Apologies to Behavioral Resources Press** for not giving the address and price information for the report reviewed in the last issue of SALIS News on page 6. Please note: Matthew S. Mingus (Ed.) *Part of the Solution: Useful Information from the Front Lines of Community Development Partnership* is available from Manisses Communications, 208 Governor St., Providence, RI 02906. Phone 1-800-333-7771.

**Health Resources Online: A Guide for Mental Health and Addiction Specialists.** John Grohol (et al.). Providence, RI: Behavioral Health Resources Press, 1997. 138 pp. Order from: Newsletter Book Services. 919 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. 1-800-382-0602 FAX: (703) 684-4059. \$39.95 plus S&H.

Health Resources Online is a 138 page guide which is well organized and provides a wealth of information for the mental health and addiction professional. The chapter on "general resources on the web" gives informative and evaluative annotations for approximately one hundred sites, including details such as how long it takes for the site to load due to graphic design. An added feature is the group of icons used to depict sites which are "exceptional" "include own search engine", "in additional language to English" and "text only version available". Other chapters include search engines and basics on how to search, state by state and international agencies, (web-sites), newsgroups and mailing lists, journals and news resources, (websites), and finally phone contact information for a variety of organizations including RADAR and Department of Education training centers. The glossary gives good descriptive definitions and a subject index to the web sites is a plus. Overall, my one critique of the work, is that the "mailing lists for professionals" section left out most of the major addiction focused resources. This is in part due to the fact that the chapter on news groups and mailing lists was reprinted from Dr. Grohol's Mental Health page, which is predominantly psychology and psychiatry. Overall however, this publication is a valuable print tool to guiding Internet users in their pursuit of mental health and addictions information.

**Using the Internet: A Guide to Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Prevention Resources.** Minnesota Prevention Resource Center, Minnesota Star of the North Prevention Coalition, and Minnesota Institute of Public Health. 1996. 23 pp. Mim Press Resource, 2829 Verndale Ave., Onoka, MN 55303, Attn: Clear. 1-800-782-1878. E-mail: mprc-order@miph.org. \$5.00.

This 23 page guide offers a quick overview of the tool and components of the internet - listervs, usenet, web, commercial online services, BBS's, gopher, FTP & telnet, and then provides addresses to approximately 140 web sites with short, sometimes cryptic, one sentence descriptions. The latter are organized under broad categories such as "National Resources", "Alcohol", "Drugs", "Tobacco", AIDS and safe sex, parenting, criminal justice, Government-Local-State (these are Minnesota resources), Federal, special populations - African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, elderly, low income, etc. A useful starting place for web newbies and a handy reference source. For \$5.00 it can't be beat.

## Periodical News

"Gangs, Drugs, and Violence" is the special issue of *Free Inquiry*, Vol. 24, No. 2, November 1996.

"Social Science Perspectives on Tobacco Policy" is the theme issue of *Journal of Social Issues*, Vol. 53, No. 1, Spring 1997.

**NIAAA's Alcohol and Health Report to Congress** is due out this summer. All full members of SALIS will automatically receive a copy.

## New NIDA Monographs

(All SALIS Full Members should have already received these two monographs. See Government Documents / Fugitive Literature for full citation)

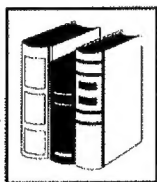
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| No. 170 | Meta-Analysis of Drug Abuse Prevention Programs. 1997.                        |
| No. 172 | Treatment of Drug-Dependent Individuals with Comorbid Mental Disorders. 1997. |



## Member News:

- Better Reimer is moving from RADAR to CCSA
- Matt Velucci is leaving DISCUS.
- Lorna McKenzie is leaving the Centre for Education & Information on Drug & Alcohol
- Eva Goldman is leaving the California Dept. Of Alcohol & Drug Program

## New Books



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For more information, write to NCADI, P.O. Box 2345, Rockville, MD 20847-2345.

- Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.
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- Violence.
- Hispanic / Latino Americans.
- African Americans.

**(Message From the Chair Continues...)**

heard of a research centre without some sort of library? We are fortunate that this is the case, as I believe this keeps us in business, but it points to a major misconception among those who allocate resources for information - the public needs pamphlets, the researchers need research libraries, but all the groups in between such as social workers, nurses, doctors, teachers can be forgotten. Their information needs will be met through professional associations, journals, etc. Is this enough, especially when it comes to particular specialty areas such as addictions? And what about policy makers? They can just hire consultants whom they assume know where to find the information needed. Have you ever found yourself confronted by a consultant in your library who doesn't even know where to begin on a topic? I have, too frequently.

At the annual SALIS conference in Vancouver, one of the speakers relayed to me how difficult it is to find resources on substance abuse treatment. I really sympathized with her. I imagine an Ontario without ARF and find it hard to imagine how a social worker in a small norther town would find prevention resources on solvent abuse, or how an addictions counsellor would find information on setting up a group therapy program for women. Maybe she could find information, but it would not be as direct or as fast, nor would she have the selection.

The diversity of our membership at SALIS is reflected in the many patron groups we serve and our strength is that together, we serve all. We are aware of the full range of information services and resources that are necessary within a country, a state or a province for successful AOD education, prevention and treatment. I am afraid in Canada we are beginning to experience a breakdown of these strong networks as the links are weakening. I truly hope this is not an international phenomenon. On a brighter note, recognition of the problem is half the battle and who knows, maybe with the next government.....



**(News From Canada Continues...)**

**News from Alberta**

On a sadder note, Library staff at the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission were informed on March 13th that the University of Lethbridge has been offered a contract to deliver library services to AADAC staff. AADAC recently helped the University develop an Addictions Counselling degree program, and decided to expand this collaborative partnership. The collection will be transferred in July, and the University Library will start reference services in September.

Library staff have been offered other positions in AADAC. I will temporarily provide information services to the

Resource Development and Marketing Unit. As noted above, Bette is moving to the national addictions scene where her many skills can be more widely appreciated.

My apologies to other Canadian regions for not contacting you about your news. Being preoccupied, this publication deadline caught me by surprise. If you are willing to take over as Canadian columnist for this newsletter, please phone me at (403) 422-0182, or e-mail me at Denise.Holmen@gov.ab.ca



**(News From the Antopodes Continues...)**

It is now just a little more difficult to maintain that same level of service and hence elicit the same level of commitment. Nevertheless, we have recently completed a proposal for funding to redevelop our library to create a single infobase for mounting on the ADCA (as yet unreleased) home page. I will keep you informed on this.

We also have recently completed a proposal to develop a daily media monitoring service for alcohol and other drug workers across the country. This will be based on a database produced by us which will be sent to any nominated email or fax number each day (before 9.30 am!!!) at no cost. I am not looking forward to this one getting up, but it certainly should prove to be a useful information service.

**Staff Changes:** Being a SALIS officebearer seems to have some detrimental effect on the desire to work in the ATOD field! Greg Fowler, past Member-at-large and Lorna MacKenzie who is currently in that position, have both moved on to other things. Greg is co-ordinating access to on-line services and databases for a consortium of health libraries in South Australia, and Lorna is working in a totally different field (but no doubt using her considerable information retrieval skills) in a community health setting.



**(TOXIBASE on the Web Continues...)**

Bilingual french-english indexation is provided for all records.

**Size:** 17000 records (1997). 3000 records updated per year.

**Updating:** monthly

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## SALIS Conference 1997 & Scholarship Information

Conference organizer Percy Brown has made most of the arrangements and all of you should by now have received the Registration, Hotel Information, and Preliminary Program Agenda for the 19th Annual SALIS Conference, Little Rock, AK (Oct. 19-22). *Please note the date change from the 23rd to the 22nd.* Anyone who did not receive this latest conference mailing, please contact SALIS Home via e-mail: [salis@arg.org](mailto:salis@arg.org) or call (510) 642-5208; FAX: (510) 642-7175.

Please see page 2 for SALIS Scholarship information...

## Recruitment for Nominees Begins...

Kathleen Mullen has appointed Samantha Helfert and Leigh Hallingby to the nominating committee for the 97-98 SALIS officer positions. These positions include Chair-Elect, Secretary, and three Members-At-Large.

If you would like to run for any of these positions, or have someone else in mind please call or e-mail any of the members of the nominating committee.

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Please be reminded that persons nominated for a SALIS position must be a Full Member in good standing.

## Message from the Chair

Sheila Lacroix  
Addiction Research Foundation

**The Farmington Consensus  
Journal Editing in the Addictions: International Meeting,  
July 14-15 1997**

July 15, 1997, 3:30 pm: It was an historic moment. Assembled for a group shot on the porch of the Barney House, a beautiful historic home that is now a conference center of the University of Connecticut Health Center, there was a sense of accomplishment, co-operation and camaraderie.

The meeting was spearheaded by Griffith Edwards, Editor-in-Chief of *Addiction*, planned by the Addiction team and hosted by Tom Babor, Regional Editor, Americas. Editors from 22 addictions journals were present as well as representatives from two publishers and myself, representing SALIS. In addition there were a couple of guest speakers - another librarian and Drummond Rennie, an editor of *JAMA* who spoke on the topic of peer review and bias, and conflict of interest.

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# Highlights: Hazelden Library

*Barbara Weiner, Reference Consultant  
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Hazelden was created in 1949 as several persons entered the fledgling treatment center, located in rural Center City, MN. The center continued to grow, and in the mid-1960's a person was designated to care for the tiny collection of 150 books and two journals.

As the library continued to grow, Joan Frederickson --former SALIS member-- was soon hired as the librarian. Joan retired in 1991 after almost 25 years of dedicated service. Barbara Weiner, M.L.S., has managed the Library, now called Hazelden Library and Information Resources, since that time.

Today, Hazelden is a major non-profit organization of 800+ employees, offering inpatient and outpatient chemical dependency treatment for adults and adolescents, training/education programs, and publishing of many related items. It has additional centers in Plymouth (MN), St. Paul (MN), New York, Chicago, and Florida. Hazelden Library and Information Resources is now a state-of-the-art information/resource center. All these descriptive library terms--special, research, one-professional, health care -- apply to this collection.

Hazelden Library and Information Resources is designed to serve Hazelden employees, consultants, interns, and other stakeholders--as well as other researchers and practitioners in the field. As a Specialty Site in the RADAR Network, RADAR members are also helped whenever possible. The primary responsibility of the Library's Reference Consultant, Barbara Weiner, is to provide reference service when questions are asked, and to distribute new incoming information to appropriate persons/departments.

Though this collection has roots in both the chemical dependency field and library/information field, its reach extends far and beyond its physical collection. Hazelden Library is a member of: SALIS, TCBC (Twin Cities Biomedical Consortium), HSLM (Health Science Libraries of Minnesota), CMLE (Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange), and RADAR. Close ties are also maintained with the Drug Information Service (University of Minnesota, DRUG database), Hill Reference Library, Copyright Clearance Center, Docline and Minitex for interlibrary loans, the databases of OVID Technologies, the Internet, and CSAP/NCADI.

The physical collection includes about 550 audio cassettes, 150 video cassettes, 85 current journal titles, NCADI government documents, and 8500 book titles. Of special pride is the book collection, which has been formally

developed since 1966. While the overall focus is chemical dependency/rehabilitation/treatment, development has been from a broad, multi-disciplinary perspective. Thus books are collected with the following related themes: alcoholism, substance abuse, other addictions, treatment, rehabilitation, recovery, Twelve Steps, self-help, counseling, lifestyle, health, women's and men's issues, family, psychology/psychotherapy, spirituality/religion, fiction, biography/autobiography, juvenile literature, and business/management. All the books and AV items are maintained in ProCite databases, fully searchable. I'd be glad to print out any specific bibliography for you!

Hazelden Library and Information Resources works closely with two other Hazelden departments. When informational questions are left on Hazelden's Home Page ([www.hazelden.org](http://www.hazelden.org)), they are forwarded to the Library. Hazelden is also home to the Pittman Archives, a major collection of books, pamphlets, and memorabilia from the 1800's to 1940, showing the social development leading to the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous.

It's exciting to be part of the library/information world today, seamlessly connected with communication tools like SALIS's listserv, revolutionary approaches to information access like the Internet, and professionals excited about moving our world and our specific field of interest into the "information/learning society". Let's all keep in touch!

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## **SALIS** *Scholarships*



As noted in the last issue of SALIS News, Scholarship applications for SALIS Conference 1997 are due on August 15, 1997.

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# Welcome Wendy Wang

I'd like to introduce the new administrative assistant for SALIS Home, Ms Wendy Wang. Wendy began work here in May, and is assuming all of the duties of this position with high energy, creativity and the ability to juggle lots of different tasks on a day to day basis. This issue of News is her first, and I would guess that most of you noticed some new graphics and subtle changes. In late August, she will return to Berkeley as a Senior in Business and Economics, and continue to work for SALIS approximately twelve hours per week. Please join me in making her feel welcome as a new comer to the SALIS network, and make note of her e-mail, since her Fall hours are not yet set. <wwang@arg.org> or <SALIS@arg.org>

## Periodical News

**Addiction Research** (Harwood Academic Publishers) will change its frequency from 4 issues/yr to 6 issues/yr beginning with Vol. 5 No. 1, 1997.

Haworth Medical Press's **Journal of Maintenance in the Addictions: Innovations in research, Theory and Practice** Vol. 1 No. 1, 1997 has just appeared. Includes "What is Methadone Maintenance Treatment?" a commentary by Vincent Dole. Seven articles including "Methadone Treatment Quality Assurance System and Federal Efforts to Assess Feasibility of using Outcome Indicators....," "Patient and Program Effects on Retention....," "Increasing Early Engagement in Methadone Treatment," ASAM's policy statement on Methadone, a Book Review, AMTA America Methadone Treatment Association's Ethical Canon for Programs and Individuals Providing Methadone Treatment, and more. Send for a free sample issue from Haworth 1-800-HAWORTH or e-mail: getinfo@haworth.com.

Name change for Nordisk Alkoholtidskrift to **Nordisk Alkohol & Narkotikatidskrift** beginning Vol.14 No.1, 1997. Also the annual English supplement from "Nordic Alcohol Studies" to "Nordic Studies on Alcohol and Drugs."

## Member News Correction...

Last issue of SALIS News incorrectly had Bette Reimer moving from "RADAR" to CCSA. She left "AADAC" - Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (CA).

## From the Editor

Andrea Mitchell  
Alcohol Research Group

Fall is already in the air here in Berkeley, and some of the Chinese elms are already changing from their chartreuse green to their golden yellow. I take this as a gentle reminder that my goals for the summer must soon be completed. There are still at least 200 items to review for subject cataloguing, in order to go on vacation in mid-September without guilt. But let me be more positive, and let you know what's been happening for SALIS.

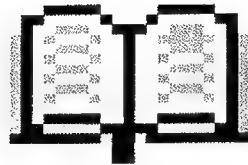
As mentioned elsewhere, Wendy Wang was hired to be the new administrative assistant, and has moved into the job with ease. She did another membership renewal letter to those who still hadn't renewed for the year, and we did manage to get another thirty-four members since the last issue of News. This brings our membership to a total of 136, still down for the year, and maybe an indication that we have lots of work to do.

In a recent discussion with Nel Nadal of Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, she verified that there were simply no funds for RADAR Scholarships to the SALIS conference. Doesn't this suggest that more of us need to be doing some campaigning with colleagues at CSAP, to perhaps turn the tide for future conferences? Especially those of us who wear both SALIS and RADAR hats. The SALIS conference is a valuable, educational and training medium, and equally important, a place to network with colleagues doing similar work.

For those of you who took the time to look at the preliminary agenda, you will have noted that there is no hands-on Internet Training. Part of the thinking, or reasons for this are the sense that most SALIS members are by now using the Internet as part of their regular daily work, and don't really need "training". On the other hand, SALIS members did participate in the development of the training curriculum and guide, and/or did participate in the training and perhaps should now be moving forward to offer training in their own states, among SALIS or RADAR members who are still in the newbie stages of Net culture. Although the Guide and Curriculum need some updating, I still think we should keep this SALIS project moving forward. At a recent meeting at Brown University, I was invited to present on SALIS, and used this opportunity to mention the Net Training project, as well as the Virtual Clearinghouse, and ETOH, all of which have depended on SALIS members thinking and efforts.

I am raising these various issues: SALIS membership, RADAR scholarships and relations with CSAP, SALIS projects.....(certainly not all mentioned here) as a nudge to all of you and myself, about what still needs to be doing. Looking forward to October in Little Rock.....

## New Books



American Council on Science and Health. *Cigarettes: What the Warning Label Doesn't Tell You*. Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 1997. 215 p.

Blocker, Jack Jr. and Cheryl Krasnick Warsh (Eds.). *The Changing Face of Drink: Substance, Imagery, and Behavior*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1997. (Includes nine essays originally presented as papers at the International Congress on the Social History of Alcohol and first published in November 1994 issue of *Histoire Sociale/Social History*, plus six other papers not previously published.)

Bryant, Kendall J., Michael Windle, and Stephen G. West. *The Science of Prevention: Methodological Advances from Alcohol and Substance Abuse Research*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association, 1997. 504 p.

Chalk, Rosemary and Patricia King (Eds.). Committee on the Assessment of Family Violence Interventions, National Research Council and Institute of Medicine. *Violence in Families: Assessing Prevention and Treatment Programs*. Washington, DC: National Academy Press, 1997. 400 p.

Chin, Steven Brian and David B. Pisoni. *Alcohol and Speech*. San Diego: Academic Press, 1997. 362 p.

Coombs, Robert Holman. *Drug Impaired Professionals*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1997. 384 p. \$39.95

Eltorre, Elizabeth. *Women and Alcohol: A Private Pleasure or a Public Problem*. London: The Women's Press Ltd., 1997. 192 p.

Inciardi, James A., Hilary L. Surratt, and Christine A. Saum. *Cocaine-Exposed Infants: Social, Legal, and Public Health Issues*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 1997. 116 p.

Institute of Medicine, Committee to Identify Strategies to Raise the Profile of Substance Abuse and Alcoholism Research. *Dispelling the Myths About Addiction*. Washington, DC: National Academy Press, 1997. 150 p.

Johnson, Bankole A. and John D. Roache (Eds.). *Drug Addiction and Its Treatment: Nexus of Neuroscience and Behavior*. Philadelphia: Lippincott-Raven, 1997. 448 p.

Miller, Norman S., Mark S. Gold, and David E. Smith (Eds.). *Manual of Therapeutics for Addictions*. New York: Wiley-Liss, 1997. 352 p.

Platt, Jerome. *Cocaine Addiction: Theory, Research and Treatment*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1997. 448 p. \$49.95

Reinarman, Craig and Harry G. Levine (Eds.). *Crack in America: Demon Drugs and Social Justice*. Berkeley, CA: UC Press, 1997. 392 p.

Ryglewicz, H. and B. Pepper. *Lives at Risk: Understanding and Treating Young People With Dual Disorders*. New York: The Free Press, 1996. 264 p. \$29.95

Stoil, Michael J. and Gary Hill. *Preventing Substance Abuse: Interventions That Work*. New York: Plenum Pub. Corp., 1996. 200 p.

Storti, Susan A. *Alcohol, Disabilities and Rehabilitation*. San Diego, CA: Singular Publishing Group, Inc., 1997. 224 p.

Toibin, Colm. *The Story of the Night: A Novel*. 1st American ed. New York: Henry Holt and Co., 1997. 324 p.

Whiteside, Henry O. *Menace in the West: Colorado and the American Experience with Drugs, 1873-1963*. Denver, Colo.: Colorado Historical Society, 1997. 128 p.

Wilsnack, Richard W. and Sharon C. Wilsnack (Eds.). *Gender and Alcohol: Individuals and Social Perspectives*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers Center for Alcohol Studies, 1997. 508 p.

Yablonsky, Linda. *The Story of Junk: A Novel*. 1st ed. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 1997. 324 p.

## Copyright in Digital Environments

The June 1997 issue of the ARL newsletter (Association of Research Libraries) is a special issue on copyright and fair use in digital environments. It includes reports about: Fallout from the Conference on Fair Use (CONFU), ARL's specific concerns with the proposed fair use guidelines, ways the educational community can work toward consensus on copyright in the digital environment, a showcase of Northwestern's e-reserve policies, the NHA Basic Principles for Managing IP, reports on the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) process including the controversial proposal for database protection, and U.S. and Canadian legislation updates. The newsletter is available on the web <<http://arl.cni.org/newsletter/192/192toc.html>>. To order bulk copies of this special issue, contact ARL publications <[pubs@cni.org](mailto:pubs@cni.org)>. (From UC Berkeley *CU News*, July 1997.)

## Government Documents / Fugitive Literature

Brown, Barry S. *Fifty Strategies for Substance Abuse Treatment*. Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, 1997. 148 p.

Bryant, Bill, Debra Ehrenberg, and George Hacker. *Last Call for High-Risk Bar Promotions that Target College Students: A Community Action Guide*. Washington, DC: Center for Science in the Public Interest. 61 p. \$10.00

Caulkins, Jonathan P. (et al.). *Mandatory Minimum Drug Sentences: Throwing Away the Key or the Taxpayers' Money?* Santa Monica, CA: Rand, 1997. 193 p.

Gustafson, John S. (et al.). *State Resources and Services Related to Alcohol and Other Drug Problems for Fiscal Year 1995*. Washington, DC: National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, 1997. 502 p. \$45.00

Harris, Louis S. (Ed). *Problems of Drug Dependence 1996: Proceedings of the 58th Annual Scientific Meeting - The College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Inc.* NIDA Research Monograph 174. Rockville, MD: NIDA, 1997. 462 p.

Harrison, Lana and Arthur Hughes (Eds). *The Validity of Self-Reported Drug Use: Improving the Accuracy of Survey Estimates*. NIDA Research Monograph 167. Rockville, MD: NIDA, 1997. 508 p.

Maxwell, Ann and Daniel Immergluck. *Liquorlining: Liquor Store Concentration and Community Development in Lower-Income Cook County Neighborhoods*. Chicago: Woodstock Institute, 1997. 21 p.

National Cancer Institute (U.S.). *The FTC Cigarette Test Method for Determining Tar, Nicotine, and Carbon Monoxide Yields of U.S. Cigarettes: Report of the NCI Expert Committee*. Smoking and Tobacco Control Monographs; 7. [Bethesda, MD ?]:National Institutes of Health, [1996]. 275 p.

National Cancer Institute (U.S.). *Changes in Cigarette-Related Disease Risks and Their Implication for Prevention and Control*. Smoking and Tobacco Control Monographs; 8. [Bethesda, MD ?]: National Institutes of Health, [1997]. 565 p.

Onken, Lisa Simon, Jack D. Blaine, and John J. Boren. *Beyond the Therapeutic Alliance: Keeping the Drug-Dependent Individual in Treatment*. NIDA Research Monograph 165. Rockville, MD: NIDA, 1997. 255 p.

## New NIDA Monographs

(All SALIS Full Members should have already received these five monographs. See Government Documents/ Fugitive Literature for full citation)

- No. 165 Beyond the Therapeutic Alliance: Keeping the Drug Dependent Individual in Treatment.
- No. 167 The Validity of Self-Reported Drug Use: Improving the Accuracy of Survey Estimates.
- No. 168 Rural Substance Abuse: State of Knowledge and Issues.
- No. 173 Pharmacokinetics, Metabolism, and Pharmaceutics of Drugs of Abuse.
- No. 174 Problems of Drug Dependence 1996: Proceedings of the 58th Annual Scientific Meeting.

Rapaka, Rao S., Nora Chiang, and Billy R. Martin (Eds). *Pharmacokinetics, Metabolism, and Pharmaceutics of Drugs of Abuse*. NIDA Research Monograph 173. Rockville, MD: NIDA, 1997. 316 p.

Robertson, Elizabeth B., Zili Sloboda, Gayle M. Boyd, Lula Beatty, and Nicholas J. Kozel (Eds). *Rural Substance Abuse: State of Knowledge and Issues*. NIDA Research Monograph 168. Rockville, MD: NIDA, 1997. 544 p.

Spruit, I.P. (Ed). *Dutch Annals of Addiction 1996 Including Flanders - Trends and Perspectives - A Summary*. Netherlands: Tribmos-Instituut - Netherlands Institute of Mental Health and Addiction, 1997. 48 p.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Office of Applied Studies (OAS). *National Admissions to Substance Abuse Treatment Services: The Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS) 1992-1995*. Rockville, MD: SAMHSA - Office of Applied Studies, 1997. 97 p.

U.S. Smoking Cessation Guideline Panel. *Smoking Cessation*. Rockville, MD: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. [Atlanta, GA?]: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [1996]. 125 p.

U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. *Starting Early, Starting Smart*. [Rockville, MD.?]: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, [1997]. 83 p.

World Health Organization (WHO). *Tobacco or Health: A Global Status Report*. Geneva: World Health Organization (WHO), 1997. 495 p.

**(Message From the Chair Continues...)**

The overall purpose of the meeting was to reach agreement on a Consensus Statement addressing primarily four areas of concern:

- Commitment to the peer review process,
- Expectations of authors making submissions,
- Response to an author's breach of expectations,
- Maintaining editorial independence.

The purpose was to "help define a basis for shared identity, commitment and purpose" and "enhance the quality of our endeavours in this multidisciplinary field". We, the SALIS membership, should feel honoured to have been invited to sit at the table as a team member of this group and I certainly expressed this at the beginning of my presentation.

In addition to participating in the consensus statement debate, I was slotted to give a presentation during a session scheduled the morning of day 2. On the agenda were a medical librarian from the University of Connecticut and a representative from Carfax providing differing perspectives on the future of journal publishing, Jim Baumohl, book review editor of *Contemporary Drug Problems* on taking book reviews seriously and Mark Schuckit from *Journal of Studies on Alcohol* on agreeing on terminology of substance abuse terms. I was scheduled to go first, but fortunately, as it turned out, the overhead lamp blew, and as it took some time to get a replacement, I was moved later in the session, after the electronic publishing section. This put me closer to more related talks, such as Dr. Schuckit's. By the way, I was the only presenter with overheads, which was definitely an advantage. The topic assigned to me was "How to get canceled" which I of course ignored. A negative approach only seems to position one on the other side of the fence.

**Here is the essence of my presentation, which was well received and generated a lot of interest:**

Fist of all, I presented information about SALIS, gave examples of some of our member organizations and highlighted our projects such as Internet training, promotion of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Thesaurus, and the Virtual Clearinghouse. I reviewed the ETOH database and showed a section of ADAI's (Nancy Sutherland's) web links section that lists ATOD publications, to make people aware of what exactly can be found on the web in terms of journals and newsletters; how little of the addictions journal literature is in fact available full text.

I presented the results of the mini SALIS member journal survey sent out on the listserv. Many thanks to all of those who participated. In addition to showing the holdings, I provided a geographic breakdown of the respondents. I was very proud of how international we are becoming. At the end, I had a couple of overheads of quotations from the survey so that the audience could get a feel for the responses. The main message was encouraging: our libraries and our patrons value

the addictions journals. A couple of the editors were very enthused about their journals' popularity! Seymour Eisman, the editor of *Journal of Drug Education* told me I had made his day. His own institution does not even subscribe to his journal! Along with the survey results I provided impact factor (IF) data (Social Sciences) on the top three substance abuse journals. The use of IF data seems to be quite an issue these days, and the common belief seems to be that addictions journals do not do well. I discussed the disadvantages of evaluating journals solely on such data, pointed out some key journals that ISI does not include, and stressed that journals with the highest IF are more general in subject coverage. Also, IF drops off very quickly, and in fact, the top three substance abuse journals do comparatively very well.

I could not have given a presentation without discussing substance abuse terminology and controlled vocabulary, important both in indexing information and retrieving information. I pointed out examples showing geographic differences (harm reduction vs. harm minimization and behaviour vs. behavior) and discipline differences (spontaneous remission vs. natural recovery). I had an overhead of the AOD Thesaurus under 'harm' highlighting how this directs one to both expressions, essential in doing a comprehensive search on this topic as none of the major databases such as MEDLINE have a subject heading for harm reduction as yet.

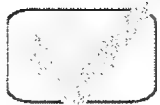
I also discussed the librarian's role in corporate web work and our concern about write-ups of pre publication research and copyright issues regarding previously published materials. Addressing this issue, the Consensus Statement included *an exemption of electronic publications at the discretion of the editor, who must be informed of the electronic document* in the section on Expectations of Authors.

Ending with the survey comments really tied things together well, bringing the focus back to addictions journals in general.

The final afternoon session was dedicated to completing the debate on the Consensus Statement. All participants will receive a copy of the agreed upon statement and will publish it in their journals. What's next? It was agreed that a future meeting will take place, possibly in two years, to continue to enhance the quality of addictions journals in this complex multidisciplinary field. A discussion list will be established to open up ongoing communication. This presents an exciting opportunity for SALIS as we have much to offer and seem to be an established member of the team.

In closing, I must add that the meeting was also a lot of fun - good conversation, excellent food, much laughter. What also struck me about this group was the level of commitment to reducing the harm and suffering involved in ATOD use and associated problems. Although both doing and publishing quality research is the main business at hand, it definitely remains a means to an end.





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## FROM THE NEW CHAIR

Dear fellow SALIS members,

It was great to see so many of you at the conference in Little Rock! At the same time, there were others of you whom I did not see there, and you were missed! I hope you are all doing well. I'd like to comment on our list-serve, website, directory survey and membership.

It warms my heart to see all the lively discussions happening on the SALIS list-serve! I am encouraged to see so much activity and information exchange happening through this medium. We need to thank Nancy Sutherland for all her work overseeing the list-serve operation. Please continue to brainstorm new ways to take full advantage of this tool. For example, have you thought about using the list-serve to recruit research buddies for joint or inter-disciplinary projects?

The technology committee is currently working to provide you all with

a new SALIS website, perhaps in time for New Year's celebrations! Be thinking about how you, yes, YOU, could contribute to the new website and about what you would like to see there. Then let us hear from you!

Another area of activity is the SALIS Directory survey which will soon be appearing on the list-serve and in other formats. Please take time to carefully complete the questionnaire and return it promptly. The resulting directory will provide us with another tool for working with each other within SALIS and also for showcasing our organization to the larger community as we provide services.

On the topic of membership, let me encourage you to invite others you know who work in this field to join us. Tell them about our organization and its many benefits, and make it a goal to bring at least one new member into SALIS in 1998.

Beginning my year as chairperson

of SALIS, I am excited about our many prospects for working together to facilitate the flow of accurate and up-to-date information related to drug use and drug prevention and treatment. On behalf of the SALIS board, I invite you all to share with us any ideas you have for how we might improve what we do and to suggest new areas of activity for consideration. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I want to be as helpful as possible during this year, so let me know how I can help you in your roles as substance abuse librarians and information specialists.

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## Looking Back: Message from the Chair

Sheila Lacroix  
Addiction Research Foundation

Where has the year gone? The Vancouver conference seems like just yesterday. Looking back over the past year, three SALIS accomplishments stand out.

### 1. The Coming of Age of the SALIS Listserv

Nancy Sutherland, our listserv moderator, and all of the contributors should be commended for shaping this discussion list into an invaluable networking and information resource. It is focused, timely and reflects the expertise of the participants. In fact, it is my favourite listserv, and I have been a subscriber to dozens. As it is available only to members of SALIS, it is a great drawing card for membership. To those of you who are full SALIS members, and have not yet signed up, it is highly recommended. For information on joining, contact Nancy Sutherland: adailib@u.washington.edu.

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# Evaluation of the Australian National Drug Strategy

Peter McCormack

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I thought those SALIS members with an interest in national policy development might like to be brought up to speed with what's happening in Australia, particularly the recent evaluation of the National Drug Strategy (NDS). The Australian Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy commissioned an evaluation of the (NDS) late in 1996. Professor Eric Single of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Biostatistics at the University of Toronto, and Professor Timothy Rohl of the Australian Graduate School of Police Management, Charles Stuart University conducted a six months investigation and provided report was presented in April this year. The Council was keen to receive recommendations on the conceptual basis of the NDS, the appropriateness of the processes, mechanisms and structure of the NDS particularly partnerships, linkages to other health and law enforcement strategies, roles of stakeholders, balance of effort, responsiveness etc; and Australia's capacity to monitor and measure the impact of drug harm minimisation policy.

Single and Rohl drew attention to some distinguishing features of the Australian NDS such as:

- The NDS recognizes the complexity of drug issues and the need to provide frontline health professionals and others dealing with drug problems with a wide range of options based on the concept of harm minimisation. These range from abstinence-oriented interventions to programs aimed at ameliorating the consequences of drug use among those who cannot be reasonably expected to stop using drugs at the present time;
- The NDS adopts a comprehensive approach to drugs which encompasses the misuse of licit as well as illicit drugs. Policies and programs to address the problems of illicit drugs, alcohol, tobacco and pharmaceuticals all fall under the umbrella of the NDS;
- The NDS's approach to drugs stresses the promotion of partnerships between health, law enforcement, education, non-government organizations and private industry;
- The NDS attempts to address drug issues in a balanced fashion. This refers to the appropriate balance of effort between the Commonwealth, States and Territories; a balance between supply and demand reduction strategies; and a balance between treatment, prevention, research and education.

The evaluators developed a seven-point plan as a focus for the NDS and to give it a new sense of purpose in the next three years. It recommended the following:

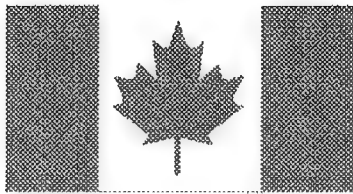
1. Strengthen NDS partnerships and expand them to the

local level. The existing partnership between health and law enforcement should be expanded to include non-government organizations and extend the network of health, law enforcement and non-government partnerships to the local level.

2. Establish a dedicated NDS unit. There should be a small unit dedicated to strategic planning, coordination of drug-related strategies, overseeing the monitoring of performance indicators, and dissemination for the NDS. It should be located either in the Prime Minister's department or the Department of Health and Family Services.
3. Train mainstream health, law enforcement and community officials to effectively minimize drug-related harm. Medical schools, nursing schools and other professional education institutions should give greater attention to specialized education and training in alcohol, tobacco and illicit drugs.
4. Improve the cost effectiveness of treatment, prevention and research. There should be a significant increase in the number of treatment and prevention programs subject to systematic outcome evaluation, with particular attention to cost effectiveness.
5. Improve the ability to monitor the performance of the NDS and make new developments in prevention, treatment and research more readily available to health care practitioners, law enforcement officers and the public at large. It is recommended that an Australian National Clearing House on Drugs be created that would develop an inventory of drug programs and create an electronic network of key resource centres for front-line professionals.
6. Enhance the involvement and effectiveness of law enforcement in preventing drug-related harm. It is recommended the police and courts should continue to give increasingly higher priority to the enforcement of trafficking offences versus possession offences.
7. Redirect cost-shared funding used for ongoing services to the development and dissemination of new programming. NDS funds should not be used to fund ongoing services, but rather as a catalyst to develop more effective responses to drug problems. Ongoing services could be funded through hypothecated taxes on a proportion of alcohol and/or tobacco sales, or by earmarking the Confiscated Assets Trust Fund.

SALIS colleagues will appreciate that we are particularly interested in the fifth recommendation about a national clearing house - and indeed wonder if the international trials instituted by SALIS and particularly Jill's work at CCSA may not have informed the consultants? The recommendation is that it should develop a website and present information in a non-technical fashion on recent developments in prevention, treatment, research and policy targeted at doctors, other health

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## News From Canada

by Jo-Anne Lauzer, M.Ed.  
Prevention Source BC

As the new Canadian Sig Chair I am meant to be providing you with an overview of what is happening in Canada regarding addiction issues. For this issue I would like to share with you a general perspective on prevention in Canada by providing the following adaptation of an article written by Dr. Colin Mangham, Manager of Prevention Source BC.

Prevention is becoming one of those words that is starting to mean different things to different people. Across Canada there is now a tendency to replace "prevention" with "harm reduction" as a way to tackle alcohol and other drug issues. Our agency, Prevention Source BC, is committed to keeping prevention alive and maintaining its place within the Health Promotion framework. Prevention as we use it, refers to the entire process of preventing and reducing substance use and misuse, and/or the problems associated with substance use and misuse. This definition includes educational programs, community initiatives, harm reduction strategies, and measures that affect policies and legislation.

Prevention continues to be important because of the social and economic costs associated with substance misuse. It is estimated that the cost of substance abuse in Canada in 1992 was \$18.45 billion or \$649 per capita: Alcohol costs more than \$7.5 billion annually, or \$265 per capita; Tobacco accounts for \$9.6 billion in annual costs, or \$336 per capita; and the economic costs of illicit drugs are estimated at \$1.35 billion, or \$48 per capita. (Source: Single, E. et. al., *The Costs of Substance Abuse in Canada. Highlights*. Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse. 1996)

These costs reflect the direct costs to health care, law enforcement and the legal system, welfare costs and costs associated with loss productivity in the workforce. What these numbers don't show are the intangible costs associated with the emotional aspects of substance misuse use and the costs associated with death, pain, suffering and bereavement. These are all very difficult to measure, however they are very real costs.

Prevention in Canada falls into the general health promotion framework which evolved from health education in the 1970's out of an effort to recognize the importance of healthy social, emotional, and physical environments to health and well-being. Use of health promotion principles have resulted in a more inclusive view of health and more

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New Member and we will expand  
our Membership and Network!

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comprehensive efforts to promote health. Recently the concept of population health has emerged, which concentrates on broad determinants of health such as income, education, employment, and social and cultural factors. It lends to prevention a greater emphasis on creating a healthier more balanced society, in addition to working at the grassroots level to foster positive individual and collective health choices.

Today, health promotion in Canada focuses on the ideals of community development and mobilization, recognizing the need for a comprehensive effort and the importance of involving people in identifying and dealing with local issues. The white coat of the expert has been willingly traded for the idea of team and consensus building. Implementation and endurance of efforts are sometimes a problem, due in part to inconsistent funding.

Despite its positive nature and successes to date, prevention in Canada is at a crossroads. Unlike treatment, the process is long and messy and though promising, has its benefits in what we don't see: lives helped and saved, money not spent. So we constantly must speak up for prevention and see that it is entrenched in the health care continuum. To achieve lasting changes in patterns of consumption and related problems requires a comprehensive and long term effort, which means long term commitment at all levels. At this point we know a lot about what doesn't work and a lot about what does work. On the horizon are even more modern approaches and the sky is the limit in our creative options.



## Tobacco Industry Tracking Database© Now On the Web!

*Diane Jones, Information Specialist,*

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The ANR Foundation is pleased to announce that its one-of-a-kind **Tobacco Industry Tracking Database©** is now available to subscribers on the World Wide Web.

The Tobacco Industry Tracking Database tracks and analyzes information created *by, for and about* the tobacco industry. In creating the Tobacco Industry Tracking Database, ANRF information specialists index and abstract a wide range of documents including, but not limited to: reports, correspondence, surveys, direct mail, and other promotional packets generated by the tobacco industry, their fronts and allies. Mainstream newspaper, journal and trade magazine articles supplement these primary sources.

The Tobacco Industry Tracking Database has already assisted public health advocates across the nation in exposing tobacco industry strategies.

Recently the Coalition for Responsible Tobacco Retailing announced a press conference to launch a major "prevention program" and legislative agenda. A search of the Database turned up information documenting the group's financial ties to Philip Morris and other tobacco manufacturers, and research proving that their "prevention program" was ineffective in stopping tobacco sales to minors. The pro-health coalition used these materials to develop a press-kit exposing the Coalition and its program as a tobacco industry public relations ploy.

This is just one example of how the Database has helped tobacco control advocates across the country shine the spotlight on the industry, and counter its influence.

The Tobacco Industry Tracking Database is available to subscribers only. Please contact the ANR Foundation at 510-841-3032 for a brochure and pricing information.

(Message from Past Chair Continues...)

### **2. Journal Editing in the Addictions: International Meeting**

For a full report of this meeting that I attended last July, read the summer 1997 edition of SALIS News. Our attendance at this meeting and involvement in the process of writing the Consensus Statement set the stage for a partnership that will undoubtedly continue as this group advances on to other endeavours in reaching consensus and determining standards in addictions publishing. A copy of the Consensus Statement is included with this edition of SALIS News. (page 5) It is in the public domain, so feel free to distribute this document, or reprint it in your organization's publication, if appropriate.

### **3. Advocacy Effort by the Canadian SIG**

Last year Denise Holmen, the past Canadian SIG Chair, took charge of an advocacy campaign by the Canadian membership in support of the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA). She wrote a compelling letter to the Standing Committee on Health, which was undoubtedly instrumental in the decision to extend funding beyond the March 31, 1997 deadline. Advocacy efforts will continue, as the battle has not yet been won, but this is an example of what SALIS can do to ensure that public funds continue to support alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) focused organizations, particularly at state, provincial and national levels.

Like many of you, I have had an extremely busy year at work, with unanticipated increases in workload and responsibility. Many plans were set aside, but not abandoned. I firmly believe it is better to have a surplus of dreams and goals so one is prepared when an opportunity presents itself or the time is right. In spite of our hectic work days, I encourage you all to get involved in SALIS, whether it be as a SIG or committee member, a board member, or a SALIS News contributor. Your involvement is needed for a strong, viable SALIS, but there are personal benefits as well. Why get involved?

#### **1. You get to see the big picture.**

We all get so busy that it is tempting to not look beyond our resource centre or library walls. Work outside of your organization can be stimulating and energizing.

#### **2. You get to pontificate!**

It provides an opportunity to share your views and concerns, stick your neck out occasionally, confront issues, and, as a result, grow professionally.

#### **3. You get to travel.**

Let's face it, we all enjoy the perks - visiting new places, meeting new friends and colleagues. In my case, being active in SALIS has resulted in many trips. My experience has been that funding comes much more readily from my organization if I can prove I am involved in some way. This brings up another point. Have you ever noticed how much travel takes place within other parts of your organization? For too long, librarians have been 'ball and chained' to their libraries and resource centres. I realize it can be difficult, but we should be more proactive within our organizations and insist on travel budgets.

Finally, thanks to all for your support. It has been an honour and a pleasure to have represented SALIS as your Chair.

# Thank you Sheila

# The Farmington Consensus

## **Preamble**

The Purpose of this statement is to define the basis for shared identity, commitment and purpose, among journals publishing in the field of psychoactive substance use and associated problems. Our aim is to enhance the quality of our endeavours in this multidisciplinary field. We share common concerns and believe that we do well to join together in their solution. To that end we accede to this document as a statement of our consensus and as basis for future collaboration.

## **8. Commitment to the peer review process**

- 1.1 We are committed to peer review and would expect research reports and scientific reviews to go through this process. As regards the extent to which other material will be so reviewed, we see that as a matter for editorial discretion, but policies should be declared.
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- 1.4 We are committed to enhancing the quality and efficacy of the peer review system that our journals operate. To that end we will, within our own journals, audit the quality of peer review on a continuous basis and where possible provide training to enhance the quality of peer review.

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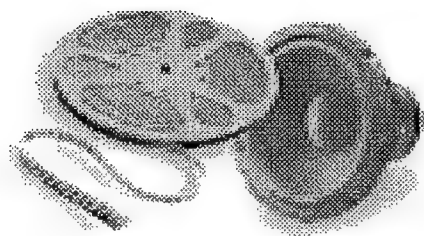
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  - 4.3 **Funding for journal supplements:** When we publish journal supplements, an indication will be given of sources of support for their production.
  - 4.4 **Refereeing journal supplements:** An editorial note will be published to indicate whether they have been peer reviewed.
  - 4.5 **Advertising:** Acceptance of advertising will be determined by, or in consultation with, the editor of each journal.

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## Video Review: **ABBEY, I HARDLY**

**KNOW YA** 57 minutes, 1995

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This emotionally moving and sympathetic documentary is the story of Lindalee Tracey's search for her father. It is the biography of a lost man wanting to be liked but who was consumed by the pursuit of getting drunk. Alban Tracy, known to his friends as Abbey or Al, died sick and homeless from the effects of alcoholism. There is only one photograph of Abbey with his infant daughter since the separation from his wife, time spent in jail for non-support and his drinking problems led to his complete alienation from family. He was in jail when his daughter was born. Lindalee was rebuffed by Abbey's mother when she made her only attempt to find him while he lived. She was told, "your father is too sick to talk to you." He was from then on, simply absent from her life until much later when her own son began to ask about him.

She became curious about this man, to recover him as her father and to answer questions about herself and her own life. The melodic strains of "Danny Boy" are a lead-in to an examination of the enclosing Irish Catholic past of the family that Abbey was born into in 1935, the youngest of five boys. Lindalee had seen men like her father wandering the streets or drinking alcohol on park benches and wondered, "why did they end up here, were they born with it, can they not bear the world?" In talking to

members of her family and their friends she begins to feel he was overly protected by his mother, sheltered from responsibility, the baby of the family. When Abbey was seven, his father died; he ran away, not being able to face the death. He got into trouble at school, failing two grades and was using alcohol at the age of twelve. He began stealing money and his mother continued to protect him, paying back what he stole. As he grew into a young adult, he seemed to create a personality for himself out of the suave Hollywood leading men of the '50's films - but "personality is not character."

Abbey joined the army, underage, to get away, "to grow up faster" and was sent to Germany. Though initially his military record was favourable, he soon began getting into trouble. He had his relatives convinced that it was forbidden for the men to drink the water, at 18 he was an alcoholic. Everyone that knew and remembered Abbey remarks how he loved to party, always had money yet never seemed to work. Lindalee took her camera and crew into the skidrow areas of her hometown to see if anyone there remembered Abbey. Remarkably, several men did and she naively asks one, "what did you have in common, what did you like to do?" After a short pause, the man states, "drink."

Though it seems his whole life revolved around the need to drink, Abbey was not always drunk. He was generous and loved to take Lindalee's girl cousins to the local fairgrounds to entertain them. She begins to express considerable resentment at this, "why not me?" She finds, though, that Abbey always took the youngest of the cousins on these expeditions, as though they were a kind of substitute for his missing daughter. Lindalee seems puzzled by the fact Abbey never made any attempt to find her, "...it's possible to find someone if you really want to." In the process of seeking to understand this she is a little over zealous in her probing into the lives of the homeless men she encounters. Though she wants to sympathize with these people, her anger sometimes gets in the way of understanding the extent to which the compulsive use of alcohol has permeated these men's lives.

Abbey made several attempts at sobriety, in AA and when the church found him work at an isolated summer camp. There was also the enforced sobriety of jail. Toward the end of her search for Abbey she visits a men's shelter where he stayed and then the hospital where he died of liver cirrhosis and a massive gastro-intestinal haemorrhage. He was 36 years old. Some of the longer, quieter sequences of the video happen here, as she seems to try to conjure his image out of the spaces that he lived in and in which he finally died. The documentary concludes in the cemetery where Abbey was buried. Lindalee speaks to the grave marker the words she might have said to Abbey, Alban, if he were still alive; both the anger at his neglect and the deep regret and grief of his loss to her and her son.

This is a fascinating and compelling story, a credit to the commitment of Lindalee Tracy to restore an unflinching and honest picture of her father and his place in her life. Though a little slow in some places it succeeds in creating an understanding portrait of a man most people would have simply ignored, or tried to forget. This video has been broadcast on public television in Canada and has been used in a variety of clinical settings with people who have grown up exposed to alcohol abuse in their home settings. Though the emotions are strong, there is no attempt to promote an agenda of "devastation of the family" by alcohol as is sometimes found in adult children of alcoholics videos. Lindalee's brother Paul states, "it hurts me that my father went down to the dregs... what could have been isn't going to be..." Harm was done, but people moved on and let go of the injustices of the past in their own ways.

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## Library Highlights:

### RUSMIDDELDIREKTORATETS BIBLIOTEK

The library service of the Norwegian Directorate for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Problems - Oslo, Norway  
*Ove Sundby, Senior Executive Officer*

The Norwegian Directorate for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Problems was established in 1988 as a governmental body under the Ministry of Social Affairs. With special instructions from the Ministry, the Directorate's role is to "give its full attention to all social conditions that indicate the trends in consumption of legal and illegal psychoactive substances and the consequences of use, and develop and implement measures that prevent these problems from occurring."

With this charge, the Directorate's daily activities involve various prevention measures including school programs, information campaigns, and law enforcement regarding the Norwegian ban on alcohol advertising, as well as creating a continuous line of publications on themes ranging from the dangers of ecstasy to drug treatment outcomes.

The library is staffed with two librarians and one assistant. It contains a collection of about 6,000 titles and subscribes to approximately 220 Nordic and international periodicals in the addiction field. Annually the library buys approximately 500 new monographs covering most aspects of the literature. In past years, the library was a bit more oriented towards the literature on epidemiology and prevention; however recently there has been a radical shift to accommodate the needs of professionals in the treatment field as well as prevention. Most of the titles are in English due to the fact that the substance abuse field is very international in scope. However there is much in the Norwegian/Nordic language, as well as French and German.

The library serves a wide variety of professionals in the field, including students, medical doctors, psychiatrists, counselors, teachers etc. With awareness of the standards set by the guidelines of quality management, the library staff tries to serve users to the best of our knowledge, stressing essential factors for user satisfaction such as response time and necessary feed-back. Another positive element in the interface between the library and the users is the fact that all of our services are free of charge.

The WEB address of the library of the Norwegian Directorate for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Problems is: <http://www.bibsent.no/rusdir/>. If I have managed to pique your interest in our library, I would very much like to invite you all to come and have a virtual look for yourself. A list of all our journals can be obtained from us upon request, and if you think I can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me or the library.

## Announcing New SALIS Board

Congratulations to the newly elected SALIS Board:

Chair-Elect	Percy Brown
Secretary	Samantha Helfert
Members at Large	Nancy Kendall, George Marcelle, and Peter McCormack

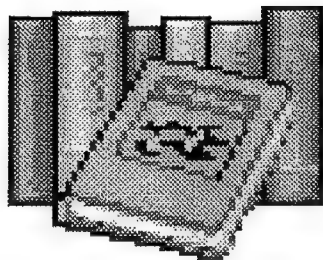
*New Chair: Barbara Seitz de Martinez; Past-Chair: Sheila LaCroix; Treasurer: Tom Colthurst; Executive Director: Andrea Mitchell*

### (Evaluation of the Australian NDS Continues...)

workers, social workers, law enforcement officers and government policy makers. The consultants specifically recommended that such a service should be housed with our organization. I can see the obvious resource implications, particularly in the area of the requisite staff skills needed to carry out the role. It seems to me that the provision of value added information products and services is moving well away from current awareness, SDI services, and cataloguing and indexing services that libraries in general and ours in particular are familiar with.

Needless to say, we are very interested in the Ministerial Council's response to the recommendations and are particularly keen to know what its expectations might be of a "clearinghouse", how it would operate, what products and services it should provide and to whom. This is the very stuff of our profession and I look forward to keeping the SALIS membership informed on how things develop.

In the meantime, many SALIS members will know that the proposed heroin study in Canberra has not gone ahead, due largely to the intervention of the Prime Minister. By way of compensation, he set up an Inter-departmental Committee to investigate options for reducing the harm caused by illicit drug use. He has promised to consider innovative approaches with cabinet expected to discuss details of the taskforce recommendations over the next few weeks. Although not yet made public, the key elements will be better policing, education through schools and treatment for dependent users. Mr Howard acknowledges that tougher enforcement is not the only answer to the growing problem and new methods must be tried. Federal Education Minister David Kemp said that keeping drugs out of schools would be a vital part of the policy. Students in high-risk drug areas will be given special attention, and teachers will be given more education. The treatment strategy before cabinet includes a plan for a national panel of experts to formulate drug policy - taking the decision out of the hands of bureaucrats. Community groups that deal with drug problems every day will be given a bigger say on the direction of treatment. Senator Vanstone, Minister for Justice, will be in charge of stemming the flow of drugs into Australia, primarily through increased coordination between state, national and international police forces and the National Crime Authority.



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## ELISAD Meeting

The Annual ELISAD Meeting is taking place November 20-22, 1997 in Toronto, Italy. Conference theme is "Information and Prevention: Dissemination of Information on the Prevention of Addictions." Andrea Mitchell, Executive Director of SALIS will be representing SALIS and the Alcohol Research Group at this meeting.

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## Periodical News

By Andrea Mitchell

Thomas Rouault of Toxibase (France), brought to the SALIS Conference Drug Net Europe: Bi-monthly Newsletter of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction. (Issue No. 2 Nov/Dec 1996). This issue is full of valuable and informative material concerning the European Unions focus and development on information and information services. Additionally there is a 4 page summary of the EMCDDA's "Annual Report on the State of Drug Problem in the European Union."

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The theme of the August 1997 issue of Archives of General Psychiatry. (Volume 54 No. 8) is "Drug Abuse and Addiction Treatment Research."

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New Books continues...

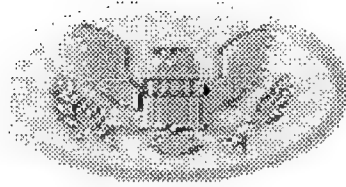
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## NIDA Publication Coming Soon

\* All SALIS Full Members should soon be getting these following documents from the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

- ◆ National Survey Results on Drug Use From the Monitoring the Future Study, 1975-1995: Volume II - College Students
- ◆ Epidemiologic Trends in Drug Abuse, June 1997: Volume I
- ◆ Medications Development for Treatment of Cocaine Dependence: Issues in Clinical Efficacy - Research Monograph 175

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- ◆ SALIS Conference - Little Rock: Conference Highlights, Minutes, and SIG and RADAR Reports
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## SALIS CONFERENCE REPORT

*Percy Brown, SALIS Chair-Elect  
Arkansas Department of Health*

The 19th Annual International Conference of the Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists was held at the Little Rock Hilton Inn October 19-22. The theme of the Conference was: Information Technology: The Threshold of Twenty-First Century Communication.

In keeping with the theme, more than 90% of the planning was done via e-mail and other electronic implements. The conference provided a unique opportunity to visit the home of U. S. President Bill Clinton and sample the warm hospitality of Arkansas. Many of the participants rented cars and visited Hot Springs and other surrounding cities.

The forty delegates represented seventeen states and three countries, and such prestigious organizations as Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), NIAAA, National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug information (NCADI), Rutgers University, University of Indiana, Alcohol Research Foundation of Canada, TOXIBASE of France, Alcohol Research Group.

After a gracious welcome by Dr. Sandra B. Nichols, Director of the Arkansas Department of Health, Dr. Karen Ballard of The Mid South Center at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock gave a stimulating Keynote address which galvanized the body to almost immediate action which resulted in partnership development and some funding results within days after the conference.

The workshops and presentations dealt with concerns of the very young, pregnant and parenting substance abusing women and their dilemma, the dangers of the legally protected, but highly abused drug of alcohol, manipulation of data from national data bases, international research on drugs and combination of drugs, substance abuse issues in the Gay and Lesbian communities, television network use for recovery issues, the names and classification of drugs, and the selection of educational material.

One of the highlights of the conference was the presentation by Mr. John Delaney of New York who dealt with a particularly sticky topic "Copyright laws and the Internet". This topic was of great interest in as much as the Internet has become one of the most useful tools in the realm of information dissemination. The uncertainty surrounding the application of current copyright laws created a lack of confidence in the transmission of data. The Librarians certainly want to avoid sending information that would result in a lawsuit for the recipient. Mr. Delaney's presentation was extremely insightful and of great benefit for the delegates.

With special events of Arkansas Lore by Steve Kelsey, and a tour of the new Main Library, the mixture of business and pleasure provided a rich experience for the delegates. The next conference is scheduled to be held in Los Angeles, CA. Hosted by Tom Colthurst and George Marcelle.

## Announcing SALIS Conference 1998

Tom Colthurst and George Marcelle have agreed to be hosts for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration conference in Los Angeles California mid-August, 1998. More information will be coming to you via the List Serve/ or direct mail, if you do not have an e-mail address.

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## Conference Report and Looking Forward to 1999 -- *from the Chair*

Barbara Seitz de Martinez, SALIS Chair  
Indiana Prevention Resource Center

Looking back at SALIS 1997, I see Percy's face and the smiles of SALIS members who experienced a most enjoyable and informative conference in Little Rock. Surely I'll remember the cordiality and tranquility of Little Rock for many years. Thanks to all who participated, I learned so much at the various sessions and in the informal meetings that took place over lunches and dinners and at the side of the pool. In decades to come, Little Rock will be cited as the place where a new and exciting relationship between SALIS and ELISAD memberships was formally proposed!

Speaking of the future, since I am involved in planning the April 1999 SALIS conference in Bloomington, Indiana, I think it is not too soon to raise questions and solicit input. Comparing the conference to a sculpture, it should have the most aesthetically pleasing shape and texture, where shape has to do with structure, and texture has to do with personal interaction. The outer shape of the conference will be its overall layout, the

timing and positioning of events, as on a flow-chart. The texture will be the built-in opportunities, formal and informal, for personal dialogue, discussions, debate, and, yes, celebration of our identity, our growth, our struggles and achievements.

What would you like to see happen at future conferences? What would be meaningful for you? What topics would you like to see addressed? What additional services would you like to see offered? Would it be useful, for example, to have a special session for persons new to the field of substance abuse where perhaps a panel of SALIS members with 5 or 10 years or more of experience answer questions and offer advice to those just getting started in jobs that demand substance abuse information expertise?

Can you think of projects or activities or committees that do not now exist but that you would find enjoyable, useful or otherwise worthwhile? These could either be ideas for future conference gatherings or to be part of the year-round activities of SALIS.

One such idea that comes to mind has to do with mentoring within our profession. Would there be interest in creating a listing of SALIS members who would offer to serve as mentors to other SALIS members who are either new to SALIS, to the field of substance abuse information, or to an area of technology or programming (perhaps a new job assignment) where others in SALIS have greater experience. These mentoring relationships could be something associated with conferences, or more generally.

Another idea would involve surveying the membership to see what areas of interest people have and then to brainstorm ways to create groups based on those interests. Then there are so many different ways those groups could be activated! The

groups could be the basis of some fun activities at the conference's opening reception. And/or the groups could be the basis for seating at one luncheon during the conference, allowing certain tables to be designated for that purpose. Or perhaps team research projects, e.g., curricula development or evaluation, could be an outcome.

I realize that our list-serve fulfills many functions and

meets many needs. Perhaps it renders superfluous the ideas mentioned above, at least for the periods between conferences, or perhaps not. What is your opinion? SALIS belongs to you! Please help us make it work for you and for our profession!

*\* Group photo by Jo-Anne Lauzer*



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**Just bring in 1 New Member and  
SALIS will expand its Membership  
and Network! Thank you very  
much.**

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## Canadian SIG Report -- "I'm Big on Little Rock, Eh!"

*Jo-Anne Lauzer, M.Ed.  
Prevention Source BC*

Now let's see if my memory serves me correct... "Ah'm fixn' to go, youanto?" Learning to speak Southern was not my only accomplishment from the SALIS Conference in Little Rock, but it was certainly a highlight. As was hearing Tom sing Proud Mary, eating blackened catfish and touring the Capital! Not to mention having the opportunity to gather excellent information and finally meeting so many of the faces behind the Email addresses. I feel rather privileged to be part of this incredible network.

However, it was also a little disappointing to have such a small contingent from Canada. This was indicative of the financial cutbacks occurring nationally and provincially within the alcohol and drug field. Services ranging from libraries and prevention to treatment are all being impacted. However not all change is necessarily bad. I will try to present an overview of what is happening with some of the SALIS membership in Canada.

The Addiction Research Foundation is currently working through the logistics of their merge with the Clarke Institute and two other mental health services in Toronto, Ontario. According to Sheila Lacroix this process should be complete by the end of January 1998. At this point Sheila is confident that the library will continue providing services within the addictions field with few changes. Although the four agencies will all be under one umbrella organization, each will keep its own corporate name and continuity of services will be maintained. More information about the merge can be found on their website -- [www.arf.org](http://www.arf.org).

The Canadian Council on Smoking and Health has recently undergone a name change which has also affected their web site address. They are now known as the Canadian Council on Tobacco Control (CCTC) and their new website address is [www.cctc.ca](http://www.cctc.ca) and the National Clearinghouse on Tobacco and Health can now be found at [www.cctc.ca/ncth](http://www.cctc.ca/ncth).

Jill Austin, manager of Information Services of Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) is pleased to announce that Bette Reimer (formerly from AADAC library) has replaced Margo Hawley as the Information Specialist, and she can be reached at [breimer@ccsa.ca](mailto:breimer@ccsa.ca). Also, Karen Palmer ([kpalm@ccsa.ca](mailto:kpalm@ccsa.ca)) is now the FAS Information Specialist and she has taken over Carole Julien's position. The CCSA has recently received a special grant of nearly \$300,000 from Health Canada which will facilitate the development of an enhanced clearinghouse operation. Their website contains a variety of excellent documents from the field as well as links to other key sites [www.ccsa.ca](http://www.ccsa.ca).

AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) has recently entered into a partnership with the University of Lethbridge, Alberta. As a result, the library collection was transferred to the University of Lethbridge over the summer and began providing service to AADAC staff in September. Denise Holmen continues her position as an Information Specialist with AADAC; however, her role and responsibilities have changed. She can be reached at [denise.holmen@aadac.gov.ab.ca](mailto:denise.holmen@aadac.gov.ab.ca). AADAC has also revised their website to include a great deal of excellent information [www.gov.ab.ca/~aadac](http://www.gov.ab.ca/~aadac). As for Prevention Source BC, we have been fortunate to secure some extra funding from our Tobacco Reduction Strategy (TRS) and will be hiring a new information specialist to deal with tobacco issues. Currently in British Columbia there is a lot going on with tobacco reduction and we are excited to be a part of the process. More information on the TRS can be found on our web site, which is currently being updated [www.preventionsource.bc.ca](http://www.preventionsource.bc.ca). BC has also recently released an excellent tobacco survey; results can be viewed at [www.hlth.gov.bc.ca](http://www.hlth.gov.bc.ca). And if you are looking for an interesting tobacco site for young people, check out

## NEW ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST ON ALCOHOL-RELATED INJURY AND VIOLENCE (ARIV)

*Robin Tremblay-McGaw  
Trauma Foundation*

The Trauma Foundation has launched a project to synthesize and disseminate information about alcohol-related injury and violence (ARIV). Staff are developing a resource manual, a web page, and library reference services specific to the issues surrounding ARIV.

Staff are also starting an interactive electronic mailing list. The purpose of this open list is to facilitate the exchange of ideas about ARIV among community-based activists, academics, practitioners, and anyone else who is interested in the subject or is already working in the fields of alcohol, injury, and violence. We hope that this exchange of ideas will encourage and enhance collaborative efforts related to ARIV. We also anticipate that the list will help us respond to the ARIV information needs of practitioners working in the fields of alcohol, injury, and violence as well as the community at large as we develop and refine our reference services, resource manual, and web page.

Please visit our web site at <http://www.traumafdn.org/alcohol/ariv> and complete the ARIV information survey you will find there. If you would like to participate in the ongoing conversation about ARIV via the mailing list, please send a message to [majordomo@igc.org](mailto:majordomo@igc.org) with these words in the body text of the message: **subscribe alcohol-injury**

[www.tobaccofacts.org](http://www.tobaccofacts.org) created by our provincial government.

Please let me know of any other changes going on with the Canadian membership:  
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## ELISAD Meets in Torino

Andrea Mitchell  
Alcohol Research Group

The European Libraries and Information Services on Alcohol and Drugs, (ELISAD) held its 9<sup>th</sup> annual meeting November 20-22 in Torino, Italy. Hosted by the Gruppo Abele, the sight of the conference could not have been more beautiful. High above Torino in the hills surrounding, we were housed in an old convent, with horse chestnut trees dotting the landscape, still retaining some of their magnificent golden leaves, and a view of the Victorian city below.

Approximately 40 persons were in attendance, representing most of the European countries. Multi cultural and multi-lingual is a feature which so positively characterized this group and this meeting. While English and Italian were the languages spoken for presentation (with simultaneous translation), French, Spanish, Portuguese, Norwegian, Finnish, Swedish and Dutch could be heard at various coffee breaks and during meals.

The theme of this conference, "Information and Prevention : Dissemination of Information on the Prevention of Addictions," brought focus to several sessions including, "Needs of Information of Prevention Professionals", "National and International Information Strategies, and "Media and Experiences in the Field". Speakers from WHO, Gruppo Abele, and EURO CARE, described the goals and activities of their organizations with respect to the information components, while other presenters detailed more of the practical realities of creating information systems to function in the every day environment. Included in the latter was the EDDRA European Drug Demand Reduction Database (a database of programs) created by EMCDDA, (Portugal); the Trimbos Institute (Netherlands) Database of AOD University Training Programs; TNO's Documentation Centre on Alcohol (Netherlands); the Drug Abuse Prevention Database from IDEA Prevencion (SPAIN); the database of the Norwegian Directorate on "small community based grass-roots experiences in prevention"; the information activities and database of the Gruppo Abele (Italy), and a Video/Film Database of the Drugs and Images Network (France). On a different note, there were presentations on "Alco-Pops" from the UK, "Web Addictions", and "Helplines" from the European Foundation of Helplines. Chair of ELISAD, Marianne Van der Heijden organized an open workshop session on "What are the Roles and Tasks of Information Professionals?." Highly interactive, this session gave opportunity for more informal discussion and debate.

Adhering to the theme, I presented a paper concerning ETOH and the AOD Thesaurus, entitled "ETOH for Alcohol Prevention Information: Research, Practice and Evaluation". Representing SALIS, I also attended the ELISAD Board meeting on Thursday afternoon, and raised issues from the SALIS Board Meeting concerning SALIS/ELISAD collaboration, membership discounts for belonging to both organizations, and future plans for a combined meeting.

*NOTE: Thomas Rouault of Toxibase, will host the tenth annual ELISAD conference in Paris, in Nov 1998*

## Report on SALIS Conference

Thomas Rouault  
TOXIBASE - France

The theme of the conference was "Information Technology: the Threshold of 21st Century Communications." Very large topic with various communications on many subjects, both technical and on the recent trends of the AOD field: internet and copyright law (in USA); use of web technology at the Indiana Resource Center; care approach to services available to families afflicted by maternal addiction; issues of prevention in the pre-school population; presentation of PREVline (web site of the NCADI); presentation of the CDC web site WONDER (mapping information on epidemiology); evolution of the AOD thesaurus; selecting educational materials for prevention, etc.

On the behalf of ELISAD I made two presentations: The first one at the SALIS business meeting about the European community programmes and their link with information/documentation function; the second during the conference about the European REITOX distributed database project, supported by the EMCDDA.

More than 40 persons attended the conference in a very friendly, warm but very professional mood... many cultural discoveries and entertainment were made possible due to the gentle host of the conference, Percy Brown SALIS chair-elect (1999 Chair).

- SALIS has 142 members (112 full members; 21 associate; 6 institutional, 3 sponsorship), few of them are Europeans.
- 111 persons are registered on the SALIS list server, open only to Full members.

Next conferences are planned to take place: in August 98 Los Angeles; spring 99 at the Indiana Prevention Resource Center, (Bloomington), whom head of the center is Barbara Seitz de Martinez the new SALIS chair for 1998, replacing Sheila Lacroix from Addiction Research Foundation. So, from 1999 SALIS could have its regular conferences in spring, making it more feasible for ELISAD or SALIS members to attend both conferences.

The SALIS-ELISAD liaison was discussed in the board meeting where I was very kindly invited. The following proposals have been discussed and must be presented to the ELISAD board and business meeting:

- ◆ To maintain and strengthen mutual representation in ELISAD and SALIS conferences as has been managed since 1994. Expenses should be managed by each association. SALIS Executive Director, Andrea Mitchell (Alcohol Research Group, Berkeley), will represent SALIS at ELISAD 97.
- ◆ Board representatives in each association
- ◆ Special common "membership fee" for those who want to register to both associations.
- ◆ Web sites links: SALIS website address - <http://www.his.com/~kmullen/salis/salis.htm>

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# Websights

*Samantha Helfert, SALIS Secretary  
National Center for the Advancement of Prevention*

This new SALIS News column will feature "Websights" relevant to information professionals in the substance abuse field. The column will be a place for all of us to exchange information, so please feel free to contact me with Websites that you have found useful or have always wanted to know more about.

Our first column will feature the Office on Smoking and Health's Smoking and Health Database, located at <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/osh/search/index.htm>. (For those outside the United States, the Office on Smoking and Health (OSH) is the division, in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), responsible for leading and coordinating strategic efforts aimed at preventing tobacco use). The Smoking and Health Database began originally in 1967 as the 'Bibliography on Smoking and Health.' Although the print version ceased publication after issuing the 1992-1993 volume, the database was available via Dialog from 1987-1994. In 1994 a CD-ROM was created and available via the Superintendent of Documents (SALIS News Fall 1994, p. 4). A new CD-ROM has just been released and details for ordering are at the end of this article. In late 1997 OSH made the database searchable on the Web. Overall the Web search interface for the Smoking and Health Database is user-friendly with the capability of searching for multiple terms within and between fields. It is a good effort to provide an interface that is simple enough for most end-users, but sophisticated enough to allow for selected advanced searching techniques.

Since the database has only been on the Web for a couple of months, I have not had an opportunity to search the database exhaustively. Therefore, this review is based on my initial explorations. I supplemented my online experimentation by clarifying many of my questions about the database and the interface with the OSH's project staff.

Containing more than 56,000 records, from mainly early 60's forward, this bibliographic database is vast in scope, covering the scientific, technical, social science, policy, legal, and historical literature related to smoking and tobacco use. I have been searching the database on CD-ROM for several years and have found it useful when searching for the obscure document, or for broader topics, especially of a historical nature. But users should take note: currency is not a strength of this database. Records for documents published pre-1993 comprise the bulk of the file. However, as mentioned previously, it is still impressive for its breadth in older years, so still worth a trip, depending on the nature of your search.

Like most Web database platforms, the search interface is

menu-driven. This design allows end users to perform simple searches and sophisticated users to perform more advanced searches. To begin a search, users must select between a Basic and Advanced Search Screen. The difference between the screens is mostly a matter of the fields you can search. The Basic Search Screen allows users to search the basic fields (title, author, abstract, date, etc.) and the Advanced Search Screen includes the basic fields plus other fields, such as document type and language. In addition, the Advanced Search Screen has two "user choice" fields, so users can search in the same field simultaneously for more complex searching.

Users are given many options to refine a search:

- ◆ Similar to other Web databases, users can select Boolean operators from "pull-down boxes" to specify how the fields should be combined in a search. I was tripped up a number of times because the default setting to combine the fields is "OR," which searches for either one field or another. For most of my searches, I prefer to "AND" the fields, so I found it cumbersome to change the default setting for each search.
- ◆ Boolean operators can also be used within fields, by typing the commands in the field search prompts. Unfortunately the software does not allow for nested searches and the use of different Boolean operators in a field. It is suggested that the searcher use the "user choice fields" in the Advanced Search Screen to develop more complicated search strings between fields.
- ◆ The search interface also allows users to specify "search conditions" within a field. The "search conditions" can define proximity between search terms, order of terms, and phrase searching. Search conditions seem like a means to provide "Boolean operator searching" to end users who do not know the commands, as two of the "search conditions" are "contains all" and "contains any."

There is no explanation in the online help of how the three methods of refining a search work together. But from my experimenting, it looks like what a user types in a field will override a selected "search condition" if there is a possible conflict.

In addition to the search capabilities, the Web version of the Smoking and Health Database offers other useful features for the searcher:

- ◆ Two options for truncation are available. A question mark can be used to replace one character in a word and an asterisk replaces one or more characters.
- ◆ Users can define a field to sort the displayed set of records.
- ◆ Users have a choice in how to display records. One can view a list which displays only titles or view either a single full record or a set of full records.
- ◆ Navigation between single records and sets of records is simple.

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# Highlights of the SALIS General Meetings

*19th Annual SALIS Conference*

*Little Rock Hilton Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas*

Sheila LaCroix, chair, presided at the first meeting on Sunday, October 19, 1997.

Barbara Seitz de Martinez, incoming chair, presided at the second meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 1997

1. Home Office Report, by Andrea Mitchell, Executive Director  
Andrea would welcome the assistance of anyone working on soliciting advertisements for the SALIS News. Also, more information is needed in the newsletter about websites, including an editor for the column. Protocol is needed on the listserv for reference questions, such as people including in their message what they have already done.

2. Membership report from Leigh Hallingby, Secretary/Membership Chair

Full members	112,
Associate	21,
Institutional	6,
Sponsor	3.

This represents a total of 142 members. 1996 membership was 152.

3. Directory

To reduce some of the costs of producing the Directory, plans are underway to make the questionnaire available by the SALIS List or through the SALIS Website, and perhaps even through other List groups.. More listings for alcohol history and tobacco collections are needed.

4. SALIS Brochure.

It needs to be updated. SALIS Home has done as much as it can. Tressa Youngbear offered the services of a volunteer to do this.

5. European Librarians and Information Specialists on Alcohol and Drugs (ELISAD)

Thomas Rouault of Toxibase (France) gave a report on the Association: ELISAD has been in existence for 10 years and has pages on the Trimbos Institute (Netherlands Institute on Mental Health and Addiction) website. Their listserv has been functioning for a year and messages are most often in English. Action projects to the European Monitoring Center on Drugs and Drug Abuse (EMCDDA) are being presented by ELISAD. Closer ties with SALIS over the past several years with SALIS members attending ELISAD meetings and vice versa.. ELISAD does not have an up-to-date directory. Thomas suggested that ELISAD and SALIS might want to combine efforts on a directory.

6. Treasurer's Report from Tom Colthurst, Treasurer

SALIS is solvent and up-to-date with the reporting obligations of being a 501(C)(3). SALIS's net worth of \$28,000 is about the same as last year. Tom is in his sixth and final year of being Treasurer and is shifting bookkeeping to the SALIS home office. He will be the overseer of these activities.

7. New Officers were announced: Chair-Elect, Percy Brown; Secretary, Samantha Helfert; Members at Large: Nancy Kendall, George Marcelle, Peter McCormack

8. SIGs (Special Interest Groups) and Committee Reports  
The Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resource (RADAR) Network meeting report was given by Barbara Seitz de Martinez.. There is enthusiasm for a possible combined meeting of RADAR and SALIS in 1998. **(NOTE There will be a SALIS 1998 conference per announcement on front page of this issue.)** There was much discussion about technology in the RADAR meeting, including appropriate training, involvement of those who do not have up-to-date access to technology, use of listservs, etc.

Jo-Anne Lauzer, Sheila LaCroix, and Colin Mangham gave a report from the Canadian SIG: A lot of cut-backs are going on in Canada, having impact on both libraries, and alcohol and drugs issues. National Addictions Awareness Week is coming up in November in Canada. The Addiction Research Foundation, which has been in existence for 25 years, is currently involved in a merger with a large, psychiatric teaching hospital. The new entity will be called Mental Health and Addictions Corporation. Canada has never adopted the War on Drugs type of strategy that the United States has, and the most recent campaign against drug abuse has officially ended. The new emphasis is on family violence, and prevention of substance abuse problems is being de-emphasized. As a result, those in the drug field in Canada have to rethink prevention.

Nancy Sutherland reported on the meeting of the Technology Committee, which she chairs. There are ca. 120 SALIS members out of ca. 145 are now on the listserv. Website issues were the major focus of the meeting. It was decided to go with a host that offers a higher level of service for a bit more cost. A number of documents on the current SALIS website prepared by Kathleen Mullen, could be moved to the new site. Possibly older issues of SALIS News or selections from the current edition will be put on the web site. It was agreed that most likely the entire SALIS directory will not go on the site. There will be a limited number of links, with emphasis on high quality.

10. Future conferences

In 1999, SALIS will meet in Bloomington, IN, hosted by Barbara Seitz de Martinez. A theme is needed for the conference. New York is a tentative site for the year 2000 conference, hosted by Leigh Hallingby from the Lindesmith Center and David Man from CASA.

*Respectfully submitted, Leigh Hallingby, Secretary*

# Highlights of the SALIS Executive Board Meetings

*19th Annual SALIS Conference*

*Sunday, October 19, and Tuesday, October 21, 1997*

*Little Rock Hilton Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas*

## 1. Report from the Chair, Sheila LaCroix

- ◆ SALIS sent a letter supporting the Canadian Center on Substance Abuse.
- ◆ The listserv has been very successful and helpful in pulling the group together.
- ◆ The highlight of the year for Sheila was attending the meeting of the editors of substance abuse journals in Farmington, Connecticut, organized by Griffith Edwards, editor of *Addiction*. (See SALIS News Vol 17 No. 2, 1977. She noted that this was a great opportunity for SALIS to make a contribution.

## 2. SALIS Home Report, Andrea Mitchell, Executive Director

The new staff member, Wendy Wang, is a great asset to the organization. She is very interested in marketing SALIS. She is also studying web site construction and has ideas about how to improve the site. In May, Andrea attended a meeting at Brown University on historical collections on alcohol. The Chester Kirk Foundation bought the Charles Bishop collection for Brown University. Dr. David Lewis of Brown is interested in SALIS and the directory, and possibly providing funds to get this project underway. Decisions need to be made about whether to publish the directory electronically and/or in hard copy. Due to governance problems with the ICAA (International Council on Alcohol and the Addictions), it was decided that SALIS temporarily remove its affiliation with the group.

## 3 Executive Director

Tom Colthurst proposed that the Executive Director be paid to raise funds for SALIS and to promote the organization. It was moved and seconded that an amount of \$5,000 from the reserve fund be set aside, with a rate to be determined by a subcommittee consisting of the Treasurer, the immediate past chair and the current chair.

## 4. Special Interest Groups and Committees

The Canadian SIG, chaired by Jo-Anne Lauzer, is active and has members present in Little Rock. The Australian SIG, chaired by Peter McCormack, is active but has no members present. The Southeast Asian SIG is inactive. The Multi-cultural SIG is in question, but no members are present. The Technology Committee, chaired by Nancy Sutherland, is active and will be meeting during the conference.

## 5. Treasurer's report from Tom Colthurst

Tom has dropped the services of the outside bookkeeper and is shifting the bookkeeping to the SALIS Home office. SALIS has

a net worth of \$28,000. This means that more than one year's operating expenses are in the bank. The annual budget is about \$20,000. The Conference is typically the biggest line item of the year (ca. \$10,000), and payroll is next.

SALIS has a healthier financial situation, even with fewer members now, due to an increase in dues two years ago. There were only three applications for conference scholarships this year, and two awards were made.

Tom is now in the middle of his third term (sixth year), as Treasurer, and has one year to go. He will not be running for re-election next year.

## 6. Conferences -- 1998 - 2000

Leigh raised the possibility of piggybacking with other organizations for conferences. Nancy Sutherland said that mental health librarians are one group SALIS could possibly team up with for future conferences. George spoke of the hazards of teaming up with a large organization that can easily swallow up a small organization like SALIS.

The ELISAD meeting is in the fall, and so there is an advantage to SALIS meeting in the spring as it will in 1999 so that some people can go to both meetings.

## 7. SALIS Membership Categories

There was a discussion of a joint SALIS/ELISAD membership, in which case SALIS would extend membership on the listserv to ELISAD members. SALIS needs to get feedback from ELISAD about what they would be willing to offer to SALIS members.

## 8. Winter Meeting

Andrea suggests having a winter Board meeting in January or February of 1998 for a day and a half in Berkeley, partly because there will be no conference in 1998. This meeting would include long-range planning.

## 9. Conference Planning Manual

Sheila will work with Lynn Shipley, with input from the rest of the Board, to get the manual completed by February 1, 1998.

*Respectfully submitted, Leigh Hallingby, Secretary*

*\* For a copy of the full minutes, contact Leigh Hallingby, SALIS past Secretary or SALIS Home.*

## Conference Report - World Wide Web Tour

Sheila Lacroix

Addiction Research Foundation

Many of the talks this year showcased or alluded to web resources invaluable to the AOD information professional. For the benefit of those of you who were either unable to attend the conference or who were unable to attend a concurrent session, here is a brief recap. I hope I haven't left any out!

The REITOX Distributed Bibliographic Database URL: <http://www.ofdt.fr/reitox65/>. It's always a delight to have at least one of our European colleagues at the conference for an update on European activity. Thomas Rouault, the director of Toxibase in France, presented on REITOX (European Information Network on Drugs and Drug Addiction), a challenging project that combines access to AOD databases from the various European partners under one multi language searchable interface. It is co-ordinated by EMCDDA (European Monitoring Centre for Drug and Drug Addiction, Lisbon). The other core partners are ISDD (UK), TOXIBASE (France) and TRIMBOS (Netherlands). The REITOX database access, developed on the OFDT (Observatoire Francais des Drogues et des Toxicomanies) web site, is still in the test phase. As you can imagine, it is an immense project with many technical challenges. I urge you to visit this site, read about this amazing project, try a search and monitor the site periodically as the project progresses. The database includes that hard-to-find literature like government policy reports.

IPRC (Indiana Prevention Resource Centre) URL: <http://www.iprc.edu> Showcased by Barbara Seitz de Martinez, this is an example of a great site that you should all bookmark. I frequently use the Street Drug Slang dictionary. Another unique feature is

the Drug Photo Menu accessible through the Prevention for Professionals page, and there are links to fact sheets on just about every abused drug imaginable. The IPRC has always been at the cutting edge of using technology in AOD prevention and education.

### PREVLIN URL:

<http://www.health.org> The NCADI and family sites came up more than once at the conference and must be highlighted. PREVLIN has information and resources on national prevention campaigns, key US statistical reports, information for the public for educational or self-help purposes, etc. etc. etc., as well as hosting the on-line RADAR network. It provides an easy link to databases, such as the US national treatment directory, and to ETOH on the NIAAA site. ETOH deserves a separate plug. I use it frequently. To use it most effectively, it is recommended that you read the search directions and use the Alcohol and Other Drug Thesaurus to select the appropriate subject headings, as it is a complex database focusing on many unique aspects of alcohol use & abuse.

Lindesmith Drug Policy Research Institute. URL: <http://www.lindesmith.org> Leigh Hallingby's talk focused on the classification system of the Lindesmith library, but it should be brought to your attention that this unique and excellent collection can be searched at the Lindesmith web site. Not only can the library catalogue be searched, but an on-line full text library is also available. And, last but not least, CDC WONDER URL: <http://wonder.cdc.gov> Andrea Mitchell showcased CDC's (Centers for Disease Control) WONDER health information and communications system providing web access to over 40 text-based and numeric databases. Many contain data and information relevant to the AOD field. Some highlighted by Andrea were FARS (Fatal Accident Reporting System), a source of BAC accident data, and the CDC Tobacco prevention files.

### (Report on SALIS Conference Continues...)

Other reports: SALIS Board made decision to cancel its participation in the ICAA and to remove "ICAA affiliation" from SALIS letterhead. This is due in part to the loss of interest and support given by ICAA; SALIS participated in the first meeting on "Journal Editing in the Addictions" organized by Griffith Edwards, editor in chief of *Addiction*, in Connecticut, July 97 (a summary of this meeting by Sheila Lacroix is available on the SALIS News Vol.17, No.2 - Summer 1997).

If you want to know more about any of these issues, they remain available on request to me through ELISAD list server:

- ◆ SALIS conference 1997 final programme
- ◆ Slides about the REITOX distributed database
- ◆ Slides about internet and copyright law in the US
- ◆ Slides about "a practical guide to establish a database on internet"
- ◆ SALIS institutional home report 1997

For me, participating in the SALIS meeting has been a fruitful experience, I learned a lot, had some fun with nice people ... and hope to come back if possible in the future.

## Membership Dues Are Due

By now, everyone should have received a renewal form for SALIS. Please remember to get your renewal processed by March 31<sup>st</sup>, so that we can list you in the Spring issue of *News*. Also keep in mind that if we don't hear from you, your name will be removed from the List Serve.



# The Night Before ETOH

Scott D. Newman  
CSR, Incorporated

At the 1997 SALIS meeting in Little Rock, AK, Mr. Scott D. Newman presented a paper entitled, "Breathing Life Into Data: Establishing NIAAA's Database on the Internet." The presentation illustrated how easy it can be to establish a full-text searchable database on the Internet, and was given from the practitioner's point of view in layman's terms. Mr. Newman described the equipment he used and the lessons he learned.

Scott D. Newman has consulted in the Technology Management field for over 15 years. He earned an Executive M.S. in Technology Management from the University of Maryland and a B.A. in Psychology from Dickinson College. This mix of education and experience gives him a unique insight into integrating people and technology. Below is a poem he recited during his session. It illustrates his ability to combine humor and technology in an enjoyable presentation.

Scott's e-mail address is Mail4SDN@aol.com. Access to the largest alcohol research database in the world (ETOH) is available through the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's HomePage: [www.niaaa.nih.gov](http://www.niaaa.nih.gov).

## The Night Before ETOH

Twos the night before the beta test  
And all through the palace  
Not a user was searching,  
Not even one from SALIS

The data was loaded  
on the NT server with care  
32 megs of ram  
and one Gig hard drive was there

DBTextWorks the engine  
DB WebPublisher a layer  
O'Reilly Website the platform  
Internet Explorer a player

You must know HTML  
To get things to work  
Or your site will look ugly  
Or simply go berserk

The programs were all loaded  
On the hard drive with glee  
Complex searching of ETOH  
Was destined to be FREE!

Not asleep in a kerchief  
But a manual in my lap  
I settled down at midnight  
for a programming spat

When lo from the server  
Arose such a clatter  
I sprang to the keyboard  
To see what was the matter

Away to the system  
I flew like a flash  
Tore open the case  
My server had crashed!

The monitor glowed blue  
On this Pentium-pro  
I cried "no, not now! It was all set to go"

When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But a programming patch and eight tiny RAMdeer

With a little new driver  
So lively and quick  
I knew in a moment  
This must be a fix

More rapid than reindeer  
The new patches they came  
I prayed and I tested and installed them by name

Now INMAGIC, now DBTextWorks  
Now O'rielly, now NT  
Now Internet browsers  
Now some more coffee for me

To the top of the router  
And over the fire wall  
Now search away, search away, search away all

And after beta testing  
I took every response  
Re-coded the system  
Observing every nuance

New search screens how they twinkled  
New reports oh how merry  
The results were like roses  
The number of hits was quite scary

There still were some crashes  
New updates installed  
The problems kept coming  
But there were workarounds for them all

So on to the web  
The searchers they flew  
With Boolean operators  
And controlled vocabulary too

As the dry code that before  
The wild hurricanes fly  
When I look back on the process  
It was as easy as pie

Within the next two years  
Some improvements before us  
I plan to install  
The AOD thesaurus

I've come to my conclusion  
Wipe my brow; give a whistle  
I hope you've enjoyed  
This poem-like epistle

Now hear me exclaim  
Ere I drive out of sight  
Happy searching to all  
And to all a good night.

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## Periodical News

Drugs & Images is a new newsletter of the European Drugs & Images Network, set up by CECD, European Centre for prevention of drug abuse. This six page publication issued in September and December is the communication medium for those doing prevention with film and video. The first issue includes information on a film and video directory for fifteen countries of the European Union, network members listing, description and evaluation of a new video on ecstasy. Contact Editor Anne Singer, CECD 8 rue Alphonse Karr, 75019 PARIS. Fax: 33-1-40 37 25 43. E-mail: [anneecd@compuserve.com](mailto:anneecd@compuserve.com)

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# Book Review



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Sulkunen, P., P. Alasuutari, R. Natkin, and M. Kinnunen Stakes. *The Urban Pub*. National Research and Development Centre of Welfare and Health, Helsinki, Finland. 1997

"*The Urban Pub*" was originally published in Finland in 1985. It began as a series of separate chapters, written by each of the individual authors, which were then joined together to form a coherent monograph. Given the fact that the research on which the book is based was conducted in the early 1980's, one might justifiably ask: what relevance can a book, based on research in Finland nearly twenty years ago, have for a contemporary English speaking readership? The answer to this question is quite simple - a great deal. However the reasons for why this should be are many and they in turn illuminate some of the characteristics of the alcohol research field today.

Research on the pub, the bar or the tavern, in spite of their importance, is still sparse. Although research on alcohol problems, especially in the U.S. has increased tremendously since this book was first published, much of that research has concentrated on alcohol problems and has neglected to investigate the culture of drinking and the arenas in which that drinking takes place. For example, if we examine the National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse ETOH<sup>1</sup> data base, we find exactly 6 references on this topic since 1990. Consequently, the English publication of "*The Urban Pub*" which examines in detail the internal workings of two working class pubs is an important contribution to the field. Portrayed within its pages, we view the activities of the regular pub-goers - their dart playing, their relationships, their jokes, the songs they listen to, and their drinking behaviors.

However, unlike many of the existing studies of the pub, the bar or the tavern, this book not merely provides a detailed account of the inner workings, dynamics, rituals and cultural practices of the regulars, it also situates the pub within a wider social context, and attempts to examine the way in which these practices reflect the norms and values of the social groups which frequent the pub. As the authors note, their aim is "...to discover the way in which ... people's relationship to drinking ... are related to the cultural milieu in which local pubs are set". Even the classic work on the English pub "*The Pub and the People*" or the ground breaking U.S. study "*Liquor License*" fail to situate their studies within a wider context. Furthermore because this study looks at pubs in two working class suburbs, its findings are still relevant to the present day. Few studies of drinking places and suburbs come to mind. The authors examine the way in which working class culture, and specifically gender relations,

have been modified by the building of the suburbs. They show that far from the suburbs lacking a sense of community, they operate as "moral communities" which exert social control over their residents. These moral communities with their norms and ideals are maintained and fortified by their own antithesis which, in part, is represented by the values and ideals of the pub. The authors examine those elements of pub life which are condemned. For example, residents characterize pub-goers as being "always the same lot" and "welfare scroungers", and they portray the pub as the epitome of untidiness, disorder, aimless conversation and wasted time.

Having documented the external environment within which the pubs operate, the authors then analyze its internal activities. Here the authors bring to their subject an informed sociological and anthropological perspective which examines the drinkers and their public drinking within a social context. Both the darts players in the "Off Duty" pub and the storytellers in the "Juniper" are viewed as social actors, whose drinking behavior is an integral part of a wider working class male culture. Using this perspective the authors view the drinking, and especially drunkenness and intoxication, not as problematic behavior per se, but as meaningful behavior which has to be explained within the social context in which it takes place. This is not to imply that the authors minimize the negative or unproductive consequences which can emanate from this behavior, but instead they provide the reader with an understanding of the drinkers' attitudes and rationale for getting drunk. Unlike so much research in the alcohol field, where drinking and drunken behavior is defined as problematic, this study makes no such assumptions and instead sees the behavior from the perspective of the social actors involved.

Although this study was initially completed nearly 20 years ago, its analysis still exhibits a contemporary feeling. Two features account for this. First, the study examines all forms of cultural practice that operate within the pubs. More specifically, the authors devote one whole chapter to an analysis and discussion of the music played. As the authors note a dominant characteristic of the pubs is noise - "...the clamor of raised voices and the rhythmic racket of the juke-box". In examining the lyrics of the most popular songs played, they analyze the extent to which they express "...cultural points of view which the pub-goers use to analyze their own reality". The four dominant themes found within the lyrics of love, marriage, divorce and loneliness are indicative of the concern that pub-goers seem to express "about emotional relationships between men and women". Given this concern, the authors devote another chapter to examining gender relationships both between men and women within the pubs, and between the pub-goers and their wives, many of whom never visit the pub. This chapter, viewed from the perspective of the women, traces the paradoxes experienced by working class women who live in the suburbs. On the one hand, moving to the suburbs meant that women became independent from their parents, and from other women within their kinship group. On the other hand, although they gained independence, they simultaneously lost the "community" of the

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<sup>1</sup>. This data base begun in 1972, contains approximately 100,000 alcohol specific references. The data base became freely available on the Web in 1997.

# Video Review

Carolyn Murphy  
*Prevention First, Incorporated*

It's official - the Video ReView is going to pot! For quite a while requests for videos about marijuana were increasing but new videos on the topic weren't plentiful. Some new titles were finally produced though and the following are three of the more recent videos added to our collection.

## **Marijuana with Delbert Boone**

30 minutes, 1997  
GWC Productions  
530 Falling Spring Road  
Cahokia, IL 62206  
(800) 851-5406

Filmed at the Chateaugay Alcohol and Substance Abuse Correctional Treatment Facility in New York, the bulk of the video shows Delbert Boone making a presentation to the inmates there. Boone conveys his message in an entertaining way, but does not make light of the seriousness of marijuana's effects on the mind and body. He discusses the differences between the marijuana of the 60's and the more potent marijuana found today. The physiological and psychological effects of the drug are presented in terms that most anyone can understand; the information given is neither too technical nor too general. Interspersed throughout the video are taped segments featuring inmates talking about their experiences with drugs. The video is not glitzy in any way; there aren't computer generated graphics or catchy tunes to keep the viewer occupied. But Delbert Boone doesn't need flashy additions. He does just fine with his low-tech chalkboard and his natural charisma.

## **My Pot Video: A Teenager's Candid**

*Look at Marijuana Use*  
17 minutes, 1997  
Pyramid Media  
2801 Colorado Avenue  
Santa Monica, CA 90404  
(800) 421-2304

Fictional teenager Mike Morgan is court-ordered to produce a video about marijuana. The result is what he calls My Pot Video. At first Mike is cynical and not too serious about his assignment. He is an occasional user and doubts the claims about marijuana being harmful or addictive. Throughout the process of making the video he learns things that contribute to a reversal in his thinking about the drug. Mike interviews non-users, former users, current users, and an addictions counselor. With each segment the viewer hears and sees that marijuana isn't as non-hazardous as one might think. According to the video jacket the production uses "quick-cut, documentary style techniques" - one a less informed viewer might just call it dizzying. The video's intended audience is people from ages 12 to 18 and the video is certainly filled with images that should hold the attention of teenagers. The interview with the addictions counselor was edited in a way that bombards the viewer with the facts about marijuana at a very fast pace. It might have been better to slow it down a bit and include some age-appropriate scientific explanation regarding marijuana's hazards.

## **The Truth About Marijuana**

20 minutes, 1996  
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The Truth About Marijuana is a dramatization of how using marijuana affects a young person's life. Matt starts using marijuana because of family problems. It isn't long before his drug use exacerbates his problems at home and causes a decline in his academic and athletic performances. His older sister discovers his drug use and encourages him to deal with his problems instead of trying to hide from them. That, plus nearly getting kicked off the basketball team helps Matt re-evaluate his situation. He decides to stop smoking marijuana and focus on his studies and sports instead. The video ends with the actor who plays Matt presenting facts about marijuana to the viewer. Audience level: grades 5-9.

## **(Book Review Continues...)**

women which operated in the older working class communities. Life in the suburbs meant that they were now more isolated and consequently more dependent on their husbands. Within this context, some of the women attempted, with greater or lesser degrees of success, to carve out their own arena within the male dominated culture of the pub.

Overall, *"The Urban Pub"* is a comprehensive account of the social role of pubs within the suburbs. Its account is rich in analytical insight and ethnographic detail, the latter characteristic clearly reflecting the time and depth of research that went into the project. Having said that, I would wish to conclude by noting two criticisms, the first of which is minor, while the second is more substantive. First, although the book generally hangs together as a coherent and integrated account, I did occasionally become aware of the book's origins as a series of separate chapters. Second, although the book succeeds admirably in its task of documenting working class public drinking practices, my one regret is that these drinking practices were not compared with those of the middle class. Yet again social scientists have gone out to uncover the habits of the "lower classes", while ignoring the cultural practices of their own social class. Sociological accounts, and especially those within the alcohol research field, are still too prone to "studying down" and even though the authors are to be commended for producing a sensitive analysis of "the other", they have still confirmed Colin Bell's 1961 remark that: "...the working class are those that the sociologist writes about most but mixes with least...the reverse is unfortunately also true".

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### (Websights Continues...)

- ◆ While there is no defined method to save the records to a file using my browser, I was able to save a set of records as ASCII text and pull the file into a word processing program with all the records intact.
- ◆ The online help guide, the "1-2-3 Guide to Searching," provides the basic steps to formulating a search plus does a good job explaining the search features and defining terms. Even the different icons, fields and possible error messages are explained. Many of my initial questions about the search interface were answered in this guide.

Like many bibliographic databases, the Smoking and Health Database is a work in progress. As a result there are some factors which are useful to know when searching the database:

- ◆ The online help advises that while a thesaurus is used to assign descriptors, some pre-1989 records do not have descriptors. They suggest that while these records are being updated, search for concepts either in the title or abstract fields, in addition to the descriptor field. Note also, that the thesaurus is not currently available to the public.
- ◆ The online help describes a "Terms Icon" which links to "an indexed list of valid search terms to assist in developing queries." I was informed that this is a feature in process as I could only find the icon on an error message page. The plan is to replace search tool with an online thesaurus.
- ◆ Only recently has data been entered in to the Author Affiliation field.

As a result it might not be useful to search in this field exclusively.

Experienced searchers might notice a similarity between the Smoking and Health Database search screens and NIAAA's ETOH search screens (<http://etoh.niaaa.nih.gov>). In fact ETOH was used as a model in designing the Smoking and Health Database's search screens, but ETOH and OSH are maintained with different search software programs. ETOH uses the familiar Db/Text WebPublisher (also used by the Lindesmith Center, <http://www.lindesmith.org>), while the Smoking and Health Database is maintained with BASIS Plus. Keep this in mind because there are some differences in commands and reports. For example, in the Smoking and Health Database, a comma, not a forward slash is the key used for the Boolean operator, "OR." Also the default setting for combining the fields is the Boolean operator "OR" not the "AND" as in ETOH.

In addition to the bibliographic database, OSH maintains CDC's Tobacco Information and Prevention Sourcepage (TIPS) located at <http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/>. The site provides some of OSH's publications and a compilation of Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports related to smoking. Especially useful is the "New Citations" section which compiles citations of recently published literature in the tobacco field. The section is updated weekly and the compilations are kept for a month. Eventually these citations are added to the database. "Research, Data and Reports" provides access to a variety of reports, data,

tables and graphs on smoking. The information can be accessed by subject, and there are ample links between sections. Preventing Tobacco Use Among Young People: A Report of the Surgeon General (1994) is available full-text online. The TIPS page also contains an "In the News" section which does not seem to be updated frequently.

The Smoking and Health Database is a welcome addition to the Web. The Office on Smoking and Health should be applauded for making this database available for free giving more users access to its vast resources. The search interface is adequate to do basic searches and is on par with many of the other bibliographic databases on the Web currently. Hopefully as Web technology evolves, this interface will be upgraded for more sophisticated searching.

In closing, I repeat that we want to make this column an avenue for sharing knowledge about substance abuse-related Web resources. Please feel free to contact me with ideas or questions about this Website or other Websites. As the Web is always evolving, it is hard for us to all keep current. In addition to using this column to feature Websites, we can also use it to alert others information professional about changes in our favorite sites.

Happy Surfing!

### Note: CD-ROM availability

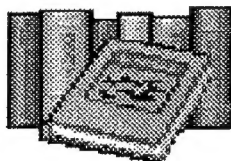
OSH Smoking and Health Database is available on a CD-ROM called the CDP File. This CD-ROM also contains additional databases on chronic diseases. The databases can be searched in DOS, Windows, or McIntosh environment. You may purchase the CDP File from the Government Printing Office (GPO) by calling 202-512-1800. An annual subscription of two yearly updates is \$57.00; a single issue is \$32.00. The GPO stock number is 717-145-00000-3.

## Member News

John Witton, former Librarian of ISDD Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence, has moved to the National Addiction Research Centre.

LeClaire Bissel, MD has given us notice that she will not be renewing her SALIS membership and is parting ways from both Medicine and the AOD field. This past fall she received the Elizabeth Blackwell award for the American Medical Women's Association, their top honor. In her new "retired" status, she is working to fight against the Christian Coalition.

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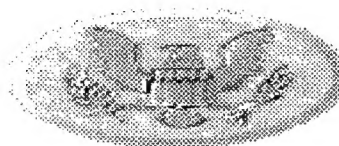
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